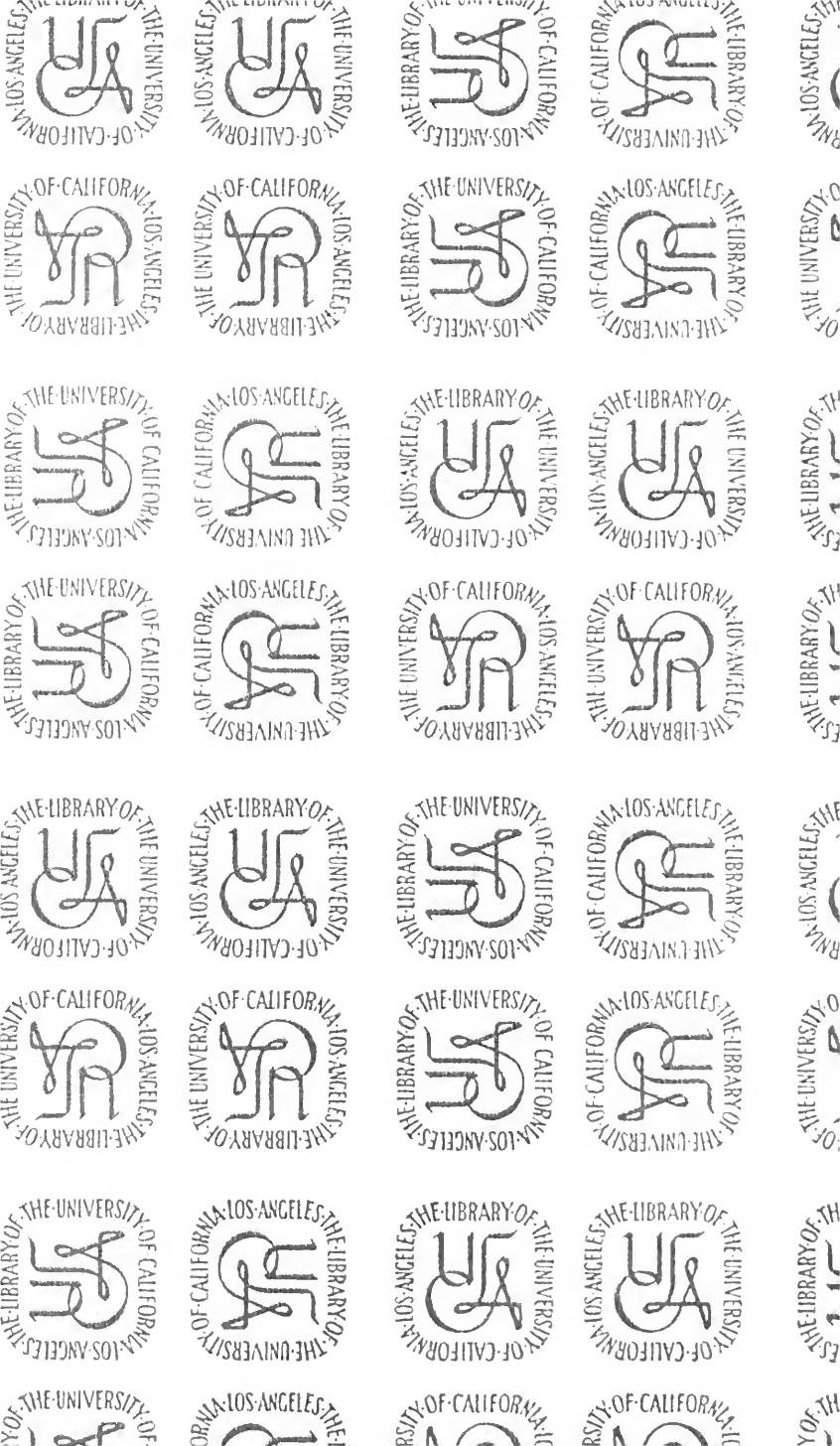


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NEW ZEALAND !

The Tourists' Elysium

and the World's Sanatorium.

NATURE MADE IT SO.

THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF TOURIST AND HEALTH RESORTS supplies INFORMATION FREE OF CHARGE to enquirers in all parts of the world, concerning New Zealand as a Tourist and Health Resort, and as a land for settlement, etc.

WRITE THE SUPERINTENDENT of this Department, Wellington, N.Z., for particulars of the cost of travel, and the general attractions of New Zealand.

ITS SCENERY is unrivalled for beauty and grandeur.

ITS SOUTHERN FIORDS are grander and more gigantic than those of Northern Europe.

ITS SOUTHERN ALPS are of rare beauty. The Tasman Glacier, the largest outside the Polar regions, is easily accessible.

ITS RIVERS, LAKES, AND WATERFALLS are incomparably beautiful.

ITS THERMAL COUNTRY, with great geysers, boiling springs and lakes, is an awe-inspiring revelation of Nature's powers.

ITS TROUT STREAMS and DEER FORESTS offer the best of sport.

Minister in charge of Department of Tourist and Health Resorts,

HON. SIR JOSEPH WARD, K.C.M.G.

Superintendent, T. E. DONNE.

Cable Address : "MAORILAND."

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Branch Offices in New Zealand at AUCKLAND, ROTORUA, CHRISTCHURCH,
DUNEDIN and INVERCARGILL.

Te Aroha Hot Springs.

TE AROHA is a healthy holiday resort situate 115 miles south of Auckland. It is connected with Auckland by direct rail, and also by steamer and rail *via* Thames.

IT CONTAINS three comfortable Hotels (tariff, 6/- to 7/- per day) and several unlicensed Accommodation Houses (tariff, 20/- to 25/- per week), and has a duly qualified resident medical practitioner subsidised by the Government.

TWO TENNIS COURTS and a Bowling Green are provided in the Public Domain, and the Te Aroha Golf Club has excellent links, permission to play on which must be obtained from the Club.

PLEASANT BOATING EXCURSIONS may be made on the Waihou River, and in season good shooting and fishing is to be had in the neighbourhood of Te Aroha.

EXCELLENT PUBLIC SWIMMING and PRIVATE BATHS have been erected and well housed, and are supplied with a variety of natural hot mineral waters. Sulphur Baths and cold Swimming Baths are also provided.

CHARGES range from 2d. to 1/- per bath, according to nature of bath taken. Towels, 2d. in all cases except to bathers holding 1/- ticket. Male and female attendants in charge of baths.

THE WATERS are known to be efficacious in cases of Gout, Rheumatism, Dyspepsia, Neuralgia, Sciatica, in ailments due to excess of Acidity, in disorders of the Urinary Organs, in Eczema and other Skin Diseases, in derangement of the Kidneys, Liver, and Spleen.

Rotorua.

ROTORUA is situate on a large and beautiful lake of the same name, 171 miles from the city of Auckland, and is connected by daily railway service. It is the centre of the Wonderland of New Zealand. Within a few miles of it may be seen geysers (Waimangu the largest on earth), boiling springs and lakes, and other thermal wonders of great variety, weirdness, and beauty; also cold crystal springs, magnificent forests, etc.

ROTORUA has a temperate and healthy climate, and excellent Hotels and Accommodation Houses (tariffs, 5/- to 10/- per day).

THE GOVERNMENT SANATORIUM for treatment of invalids, and numerous well-equipped Hot Mineral Water Baths are under control of A. S. Wohlmann, M.D., B.S. (honours), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., a Specialist, late of Bath, England, under engagement to the New Zealand Government.

THE CHARGE for accommodation at the Government Sanatorium, including baths, medical attendance, nursing and medicine, is 30/- per week. Doctor's consultation fees to persons other than patients in the Sanatorium is 10/6 for each consultation at the consulting rooms, and 21/- for each consultation at the patient's residence.

THE BATH HOUSES are well equipped. Large Hot Swimming Pools and various Private Baths are provided. The charges for Swimming and ordinary Private Baths are from 6d. to 2/- per bath, for Hot Air and Douche Bath 3/-, and for Massage 5/- per hour. Male and female attendants in charge of Baths.

THE NATURAL HOT MINERAL WATERS cure Rheumatism, Sciatica, Gout, Obesity, Liver Complaints, Uterine Troubles, Nervous Disorders, Skin Diseases, and other kindred ailments.

EXTENSIVE PUBLIC RECREATION GROUNDS are provided, comprising 250 acres of beautiful, well-kept gardens, and including Tennis Courts, Croquet Lawns, and Bowling Greens. Playing materials are supplied to players at a small fee. Excellent fishing may be had in season, and pleasant excursions by steamboats may be made on the Lakes.

Hanmer Hot Springs.

HANMER HOT SPRINGS is a pleasant Holiday Resort, situated on Hanmer Plains surrounded by lofty hills, 93 miles from the City of Christchurch—69 miles by rail and 24 miles by coach. It is 1200 feet above the sea level, and the climate is healthy and bracing.

THE GOVERNMENT "SPA" and Baths are situated in 13 acres of well-kept grounds. The charges for accommodation at the Spa are:—First Class, 7/- per day or £2 per week; Second Class, 4/- per day or £1 per week.

There are several other up-to-date Accommodation Houses at Hanmer Springs for the reception of visitors; Tariffs similar to the Spa. There is also a licensed Hotel $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles distant.

NATURAL HOT MINERAL WATER Swimming and Private Baths are provided, charge for which is 6d. and 9d. respectively; also Hot Air and Douche Bath, 3/-, and Massage 5/- per hour. Government Masseur and Masseuse, male and female bath attendants in charge of Baths.

TENNIS COURT, Croquet Lawn, and Bowling Green are provided for the use of visitors, and a small charge is made for playing material.

GOOD HARE and RABBIT SHOOTING, and Duck Shooting in season may be had in the vicinity of Hanmer Springs.

Southern Alps.

MT. COOK (Aorangi), 12,349 feet, is the highest of New Zealand's Mountain Peaks. It is surrounded by Glaciers and other peaks of lesser magnitude.

THE HERMITAGE (Government Hotel) is situated at the foot of Mt. Cook, within a few hundred yards of the great Tasman Glacier—the largest outside the polar regions.

THE HERMITAGE is approachable by rail from Christchurch and Dunedin to Fairlie, 100 and 131 miles respectively, thence by coach 96 miles.

The following is a scale of charges in force at the Hermitage Hotel:—

TARIFF 10/- per day for first 14 days, and 7/- per day thereafter.

GUIDES' FEES, per day, for Glacier excursions: For one person, 10/-; two persons, 15/-; three persons, 21/-; four persons, 24/-; five or more, 5/- each per day.

For special excursions (Alpine Passes and minor ascents), one person, 20/- per day; two persons, 30/- per day; three persons, 40/- per day.

For high ascents (rate charged for days of climb only), one person, 40/- per day; two persons, 60/- per day.

HUTS are provided at altitudes of 3,500 and 5,700 feet for the use of excursionists from the Hermitage.

HORSES and all Alpine equipment on hire.

Southern Lakes and Sounds.

THE SOUTHERN LAKES, which for beauty and grandeur have no competitors, are easily accessible by rail and coach. Queenstown, on Lake Wakatipu, is the principal resort for visitors to this district, and it is approached by rail and lake steamers.


OVERLAND TRIPS to the Sounds may be made *via* Lake Te Anau.

THERMAL SPRINGS of the North Island.

ROTORUA HOT LAKES, WAITOMO CAVES, TE AROHA & OKOROIRE HOT SPRINGS.

 **Round-trip Excursion Tickets** are issued throughout the year, as under :

1. From Auckland to Thames by rail, Thames to Auckland by steamer, or *vice versa*—
ROUND TRIP: First Class, 21s.; Second Class, 15s.
2. From Auckland to Rotorua, thence to Thames by rail, Thames to Auckland by steamer, or *vice versa*—
ROUND TRIP: First Class, 32s. 6d. Second Class, 21s.
3. Auckland to Hangatiki, Hangatiki to Rotorua, and Rotorua to Thames by rail, Thames to Auckland by steamer, or *vice versa*—
ROUND TRIP: First Class, 39s.; Second Class, 24s.

 These Tickets are available for Three Months from date of issue.

The journey may be broken at any station at which the train is timed to stop after travelling ten miles from the original starting-station, provided the specified time for which the tickets are available is not exceeded.

For convenience of railway passengers desirous of visiting the Waitomo Caves, and to stay over night, a cottage with a caretaker in charge has been provided at Hangatiki. The caretaker will provide hot water and furnish stretchers at a charge of 1s. for each person. Visitors require to provide their own food and blankets.

HANMER PLAINS HOT SPRINGS.

Through Booking by Rail and Coach to the Springs.

RETURN EXCURSION TICKETS to Hanmer Plains, available for return for three months, will be issued daily throughout the year from Invercargill and Dunedin and from Christchurch, Papanui, and Kaiapoi daily, between 1st October and 30th April (and thereafter thrice weekly, viz., on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays).

Return through Fare (by rail and coach), First Class:—

From Christchurch and Papanui ..	£1 8 0	From Dunedin ..	£3 5 0
From Kaiapoi ..	1 6 0	From Invercargill ..	4 5 0

The journey may be broken at any station at which the train is timed to stop after travelling ten miles from the original starting-station, provided the specified time for which the tickets are available is not exceeded.

TOURIST EXCURSION TICKETS (First Class)

Are issued daily (Sundays excepted) throughout the year, as under:—

- (a) Available over lines of Both Islands for Six Weeks from date of issue, **£8**
- (b) Available over North Island lines for Four Weeks from date of issue, **£5**
- (c) Available over Middle Island lines for Four Weeks from date of issue, **£6**

These tickets are available over Government lines only, and are obtainable as follows:—a and b at Auckland, Onehunga, Rotorua, Thames, Napier, Hastings, Woodville, Masterton, Wanganui, New Plymouth, and Wellington; a and c at Lyttelton, Christchurch, Ashburton, Timaru, Oamaru, Palmerston, Port Chalmers, Dunedin, Mosgiel, Milton, Lawrence, Clinton, Invercargill, and Bluff Railway-stations.

Tourist Excursion Tickets may be extended for any period not exceeding four weeks on payment of an extension fee of £1 10s. per week, or portion of a week, on application to the Stationmaster at any of the above-mentioned stations before the expiration of original ticket.

THE COLD LAKES and the GLACIAL DISTRICT OF OTAGO:

WAKATIPU, WANAKA, HAWEA, MANAPOURI, TE ANAU, SUTHERLAND FALLS, ETC.

RETURN EXCURSION TICKETS, available for THREE MONTHS, will be issued between 1st November and 31st March, as under:—

TO KINGSTON, LAKE WAKATIPU.

(Including Saloon Steamer Passage, Kingston to Queenstown and back.)

	First Class	Second Class
From CHRISTCHURCH (via Waimea line only) ..	£3 16 0	£2 2 6
„ CHRISTCHURCH (round trip via Waimea line or Invercargill) ..	£4 2 6	£2 7 0
„ DUNEDIN (via Waimea line only) ..	£1 17 6	£1 3 0
„ DUNEDIN (round trip via Waimea line or Invercargill) ..	£2 5 0	£1 7 6
„ INVERCARGILL (via Kingston line only) ..	£1 2 6	£0 16 6
„ INVERCARGILL (via either Kingston or Gore and Waimea line) ..	£1 7 6	£0 18 0

TO PEMBROKE, LAKE WANAKA.

Including Saloon Steamer Passage, Kingston to Queenstown and back; and coach, Queenstown to Pembroke and back.

From Dunedin via Waimea line only .. **62s. 6d.** (First Class).

The journey may be broken at any station at which the train is timed to stop after travelling twenty-five miles from the original starting-station, provided the specified time for which the tickets are available is not exceeded.

On occasions of public holidays, races, agricultural and pastoral shows, etc., special concessions are made in fares, and additional travelling facilities are provided. For particulars see advertisements in local papers, and posters exhibited at railway-stations.

For further particulars of trains and coach and steamer services in connection with tourist excursions, see Official Pocket Time-table issued by the Railway Department, which can be obtained at railway stations, price one penny.

The Railway Department is not responsible for the coach or steamer services, and is not answerable for their fulfilment.

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THE
Public Trust Office
OF NEW ZEALAND.

THE PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE of New Zealand is a Government Institution. It discharges all the duties that may by Will or Deed be imposed on a private executor, trustee, attorney, or agent.

IT NOW ADMINISTERS properties in any year of the value of THREE MILLIONS STERLING.

ONE GREAT ADVANTAGE offered by the Office is ABSOLUTE SECURITY AGAINST LOSS, as the State guarantees all its acts.

THERE IS NO LOSS of Interest through delays in investment, for where the Will or Deed does not prohibit it, moneys fall into Common Fund, and are CREDITED with Interest compounded yearly. The present rates are 4 per cent. on sums up to £3000, and 3½ per cent. on the sum in excess of £3000.

THE OFFICE is intended to be merely SELF-SUPPORTING. The commission is low, and has lately been much reduced.

WILLS are made and advice given FREE OF COST where the Public Trustee is named Executor and Trustee.



State Aid to Settlers.

(Under the "Government Advances to Settlers Act.")

The above-named Act provides for the lending by the Government of **Sums of Money to Country Settlers** and others on the security of Freehold and Crown Leasehold Lands.

LOANS may be granted for any sum between **£25 and £3000**, and in the case of **URBAN or SUBURBAN LANDS** the maximum is fixed at **£2000**.

The advantages of applying for loans under the above Act are readily seen, as settlers are thereby enabled to obtain money for the benefit of their holdings at a minimum rate of interest, and at merely nominal expense for valuation fees and law costs.

LOANS may be granted either for a **FIXED TERM** or under the **INSTALMENT SYSTEM**.

FIXED LOANS are granted for any term not exceeding 10 years on Freehold Rural security (only) at 5 per cent., reducible to $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for prompt payment. Principal may be repaid either at end of term, or in whole or part at any interest due date during currency.

INSTALMENT LOANS are granted for $36\frac{1}{2}$ years on Freehold or Crown Leasehold security as well as on Freehold Urban or Suburban Lands at 6 per cent., reducible to $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for prompt payment. This rate per cent. covers the repayment of principal as well as interest.

Instalment Loans may also be repaid at any time during currency, if the mortgagor desires, interest being charged to date of payment only.

LOANS may be re-adjusted free of charge after at least one-tenth of the principal has been repaid either by means of the half-yearly instalments or moneys repaid in advance, by treating the balance of principal then unpaid as a fresh loan duly granted for a fresh term. Mortgagors are thus relieved of paying interest calculated on the original amount borrowed.

Forms of application may be obtained at any Post Office in the Colony, or at the

ADVANCES TO SETTLERS OFFICE,

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, WELLINGTON.

JOHN MCGOWAN, Superintendent.

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NEW ZEALAND Crown Lands for Settlement.

The Crown Lands of the Colony are thrown open to the public for occupation and settlement under the following principal systems:—

THE PASTORAL RUN SYSTEM provides for the granting of leases up to 21 years, without the right of renewal, with valuation and protection for certain specified improvements to a limited extent. The Runs may not exceed areas that will carry 20,000 sheep or 4,000 cattle.

THE SMALL GRAZING RUN SYSTEM provides for 21 years leases of areas up to 5,000 acres and 20,000 acres according to quality, with right of renewals for similar terms on periodic valuation and assessment for rents and improvements. The lease contains provisions for payment of rent, continuous residence and certain improvements to be effected by the lessee.

RURAL LANDS UNDER THE OPTIONAL SYSTEM. The purchaser for Cash pays the full capital value of the land on application, and before obtaining his Certificate of Title must expend upon permanent improvements from 10/- to 20/- an acre, according to the class of land. A license under the Occupation-with-Right-of-Purchase Tenure involves payment of rent, residence up to seven years, the expenditure upon improvements of 30 per cent. of the capital value of the land within six years, and in addition an outlay of from 10/- to 20/- an acre according to the class of land. A Lease-in-Perpetuity is for a term of 999 years, with a rental based upon 4 per cent. of the capital value of the land at the date of selection. The lessee is not subject to periodic valuations or assessment of rent; residence is compulsory for 10 years, and the improvements are as prescribed under the O.R.P. tenure. Selectors may acquire 640 acres of first class, or 2,000 acres of second class land.

IMPROVED FARM SETTLEMENT LESSEES are subject to the prescribed conditions as to improvements, residence, and rent, etc., according as their lands are held under the O.R.P. or L. in P. tenures. The maximum area that may be allotted to one person under this system, is 200 acres.

VILLAGE SETTLEMENT LESSEES are subject to the conditions set forth under the Lease-in-Perpetuity tenure.

LESSEES OF LAND-FOR-SETTLEMENTS holdings have to comply with the conditions of Leases-in-Perpetuity or Small Grazing Run Leases, according to whether the class of land is agricultural or pastoral.

PURCHASERS OF TOWN AND SUBURBAN LANDS do not require to effect improvements.

Persons desirous of settling in New Zealand, or of obtaining additional information regarding Crown Lands available for settlement, are recommended to apply to the several Commissioners of Crown Lands at Auckland, Napier, New Plymouth, Wellington, Nelson, Blenheim, Hokitika, Christchurch, Dunedin, or Invercargill, who will at once forward pamphlets, plans, and all necessary details of the lands in their respective Land Districts.

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THE NEW ZEALAND Government Life Insurance DEPARTMENT.

HERE have been six divisions of profits among the Policyholders, the total amount divided to date being **£833,400** cash, representing bonus additions to the sums assured of **£1,629,700**. A division of profits is now made every three years, the amount divided for the last triennium being **£126,600** cash, which produced bonus additions of **£220,800**.

Since its inauguration the Department has paid **£1,687,600** on claims by death, **£477,700** on claims by maturity of policies, and **£899,300** to Policyholders in other ways, making a total of **£3,064,600** paid to Policyholders or their representatives.

The Department has, moreover, **APART FROM ITS IMPREGNABLE SECURITY**, been so fortunate as to earn a name for **BROAD-MINDED LIBERALITY** in dealing with its Policyholders, and the results of its policy in general have elicited sincere approval on all sides, and placed the Office in an **HONOURABLE POSITION** among the leading life assurance institutions in the world.



Progress of the Department.

Year.	Number of Policies.	Sum Assured and Bonuses.	Accumulated Funds.
		£	£
1871	454	200,600	5,100
1881	12,400	4,471,200	557,200
1891	29,200	8,390,800	1,847,800
1901	41,300	10,627,300	3,285,400

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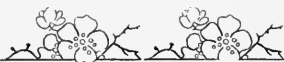
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tangata ki ia wahi, ki ia wahi o Aotearoa*



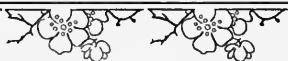
*Unequalled Fjords
Awe-inspiring Geysers
Forests filled with Deer
Unrivalled Alpine Scenery
Unparalleled Lake Country
Boiling Lakes in the North
Ice Cold Lakes in the South
Hundreds of Trout Streams, etc.*

By C. N. BAYEERTZ

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Introduction

The compiler of this Guide has journeyed through our marvellous Maoriland from the far North even to its farthest South. He has seen and felt some of

the might—the majesty of loveliness

of our glorious lakes girt about with bush-clad hills, of snow-capped mountains frowning through the clouds, of our sublimely noble fjords, in all their solitary grandeur.

The beauty born of murmuring sound

has oftimes charmed his ear, and his soul has not been wholly insensible to those awe-inspiring evidences of volcanic power, our geysers, fumaroles, and boiling springs. Yet when he would fain write of these myriad prodigies of “our Good Mother Nature,” when he would clothe the “thoughts that breathe” in the “words that burn,” he is painfully conscious of the truth of Byron’s lines from the *Bride of Abydos* :

Who hath not proved how feebly words essay
To fix one spark of beauty’s heavenly ray ?

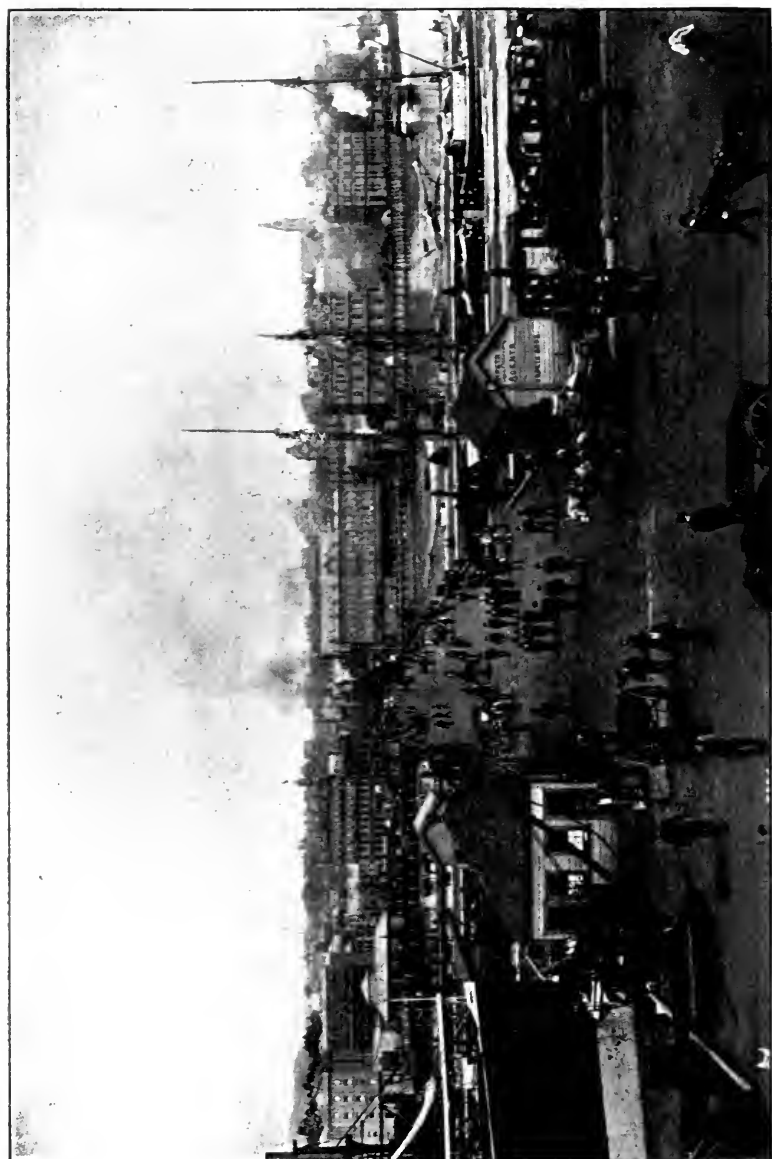
Fully recognising the impotence of mere words to convey any idea of the splendid magnificence of this wondrous country, the writer has caused the letterpress to be copiously interspersed with illustrations, which will speak much more eloquently to the reader.

The day will come to many who see this guide in Europe, Great Britain, America, or Australia, when they will say :

To-morrow to fresh woods and pastures new.

When this time arrives, those who let the “fresh woods and pastures new” be those of New Zealand, will assuredly say if they follow the course laid down in this book, “The half was never told.”

In conclusion, the advice which the compiler of this admittedly faulty and imperfect work would give to his readers, is that which the Delphic Oracle gave to Polycrates, as the best means of finding a treasure buried by Xerxes’ general, Mardonius, on the field of Plataea, Πάντα λίθον κίνει (*turn every stone*).



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AUCKLAND

AUCKLAND
FROM
QUEEN'S WHARF



Auckland

[Any particulars that the tourist may require as to fares, hotels, boarding-houses, etc., may be obtained free at the Government Tourist Enquiry Office, Queen Street].

Post, Telegraph, and Money Order Offices.—The G.P.O. is open every day except Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The telegraph office is open on week days from 8 a.m. to midnight; on Sundays from 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m., and from 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.; and on holidays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to midnight. The money order office is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. These three offices are in the same building. For further particulars see Post and Telegraph Guide, price 6d.

Clubs.—The Northern and the Auckland.

Hotels.—Grand (12s.), The Star (12s. 6d.), Central (10s.), and excellent boarding house, "Mountnessing."

Principal places of Worship.—Anglican, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic (Cathedral), Wesleyan, Congregational, Baptist, and a Jewish Synagogue.

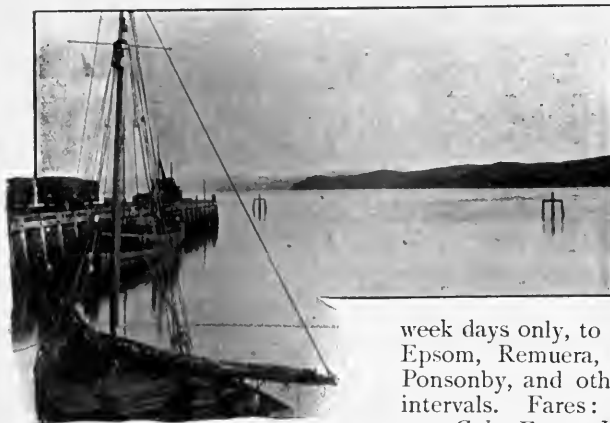
Newspapers.— "N. Z. Herald" (published every morning), "Evening Star" (published every evening). The following are weekly papers: "Auckland Weekly News," "N.Z. Graphic," "Observer," and "Sporting Review." There is also a monthly magazine, entitled the "N.Z. Illustrated Magazine."

Population.—Over 60,000.

Conveyances.—Electric tram-cars run from the railway station, on

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week days only, to Parnell, Newmarket, Epsom, Remuera, Mt. Eden, Newton, Ponsonby, and other places at regular intervals. Fares: 3d. and 6d.

Cab Fares.—Within a radius of three miles from G.P.O. :

First quarter-hour	1/6, 1 horse ; 2/-, 2 horses
One hour	4/-, " 5/-, "
For every quarter-hour afterwards	1/-	..	1/3, ..

If beyond a radius of three miles from G.P.O. :

For every hour	5/-, 1 horse ; 6/-, 2 horses
For every quarter-hour afterwards	1/3	..	1/6, ..

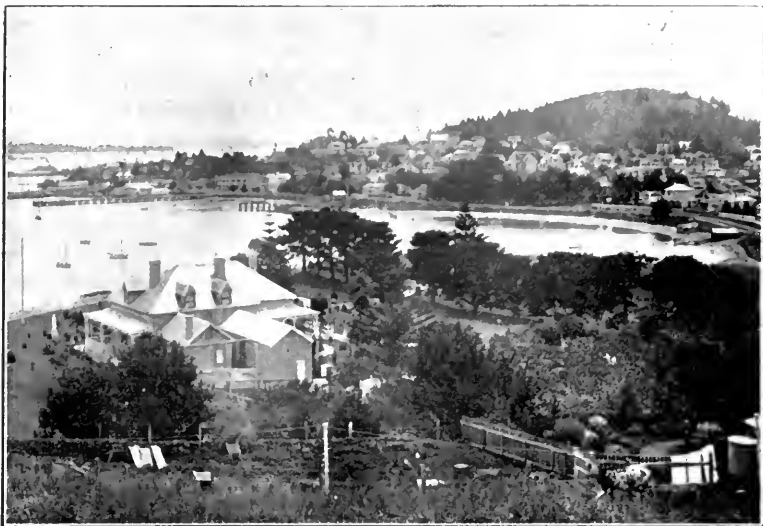
Every hiring shall be continuous hiring. Full fare shall be paid until the cab returns to the place of hiring or stand which at the time of dismissal may be nearest.

The Devonport Steam Ferry Co.—Steamers run from Auckland to the North Shore from 6.30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Time tables may be had on application at the office of the company on the wharf. The fare is 6d. return. Boats also run to Lake Takapuna in the summer, and some of the Devonport boats connect with a coach running to this interesting spot. There is a good hotel at the Lake, which commands a fine view of the surrounding country.

Railways.—As the fares, and times of departure of trains, are necessarily liable



WAITAKERE
FALLS



NORTH SHORE, AUCKLAND



NIHOTAPU FALLS, WAITAKERE

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beautiful drives in the neighbourhood of Auckland, and a buggy, landau, or drag, may be hired at reasonable rates by the hour, or for the day. The drive to Mt. Eden, with its bowl-shaped extinct crater, through Remuera and Epsom, is one that should on no account be missed. It can be done very comfortably in two hours and a half, and the panorama from the top of the mountain is one of striking beauty. Another interesting route is through Onehunga and Mangere; the country is volcanic, and the land is fertile. A pleasant four hours' trip is to Panmure and St. Heliers. There is a good view of the harbour all the way. Mt. Hobson, which commands a very excellent view, may be ascended *en route*. Longer drives may also be taken: To the Nihotapu Falls, about 18 miles from the city; the scenery near the falls is beautiful, and the famous Kauri

to alteration, such information will not appear in these pages, and the tourist should obtain a copy of the Government penny time-table as soon as possible after his arrival.

Livery Stable.—Pullan, Armitage & Co., telephone Nos. 124 and 257.

There are some very



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pine (*dammara Australis*) may be seen on the way. On the road to Waitakerēi Falls some very pretty country is passed through, and the Falls are exceedingly fine.

In the city itself there are the Free Public Library, the Picture Gallery, and the Museum.

That every visitor to Auckland will visit the world-renowned thermal district is almost a *sine qua non*. Trains leave Auckland in the season every morning at 9.35 for Te Aroha, 115 miles; Okoroire, 131 miles; and Rotorua, 171 miles. For fares the tourist is referred to the Government penny time table, obtainable at all railway stations.



OKOROIRE

There are many visitors to Rotorua who would like to visit Okoroire or Te Aroha, or both *en route*.

TE AROHA is noted for its hot springs and the quiet peaceful beauty of its surroundings. The view from the summit of Mt. Te Aroha, 3,176 feet high, is exceedingly grand.

OKOROIRE is a pleasant spot in which to break the long railway journey to Rotorua. The scenery is pretty, the trout-fishing is good, and the hotel and the baths all that could be desired.



A MAORI BELLE

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SANATORIUM AND
GROUNDS



Rotorua

[Full particulars as to fares, distances, and other information, may be obtained free at the Government Tourist Inquiry Office, Rotorua].

Grand Hotel, 10s. a day.

The invalid who visits Rotorua to take the baths will naturally consult the Government balnæologist at the Sanatorium, who will advise as to the proper treatment. The springs are of very varied chemical composition, and vary in temperature from 60° to 212° . Sir James Hector has divided them into five classes: (1) *Saline*; (2) *Alkaline*; (3) *Alkaline-Silicious*; (4) *Sulphurous*; and (5) *Acidic*.

The tourist who visits Rotorua for pleasure should spend at least a week there before passing on to Waiotapu, Wairakei, Taupo, and the Whanganui River.

WAIROA is a village that was destroyed in the Tarawera eruption of 1886. It is about 10 miles from Rotorua, and a buggy and driver may be hired from E. Robertson and Co.

The road leads along the shores of two very pretty lakes—the Blue Lake and the Green Lake. Although Wairoa is generally spoken of, and written about as a buried village, it is by no means a scene of desolation now. It is covered by a dense growth of acacia, and the walk round the sights, the church, houses, and hotels destroyed by the eruption, is cool and shady. The path leads to a rustic seat on the brow of a hill, and here, while resting, the visitor can

DRESSING ROOM,
DUCHESS BATH



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WAIROA BEFORE
THE ERUPTION

gaze upon the beautiful scene before him—the pretty bush in the foreground, the tranquil Lake Tarawera in the middle distance, and the awesome Mount Tarawera beyond. A good cup of tea can be obtained at Wairoa, and there is a

boat on Lake Tarawera, and a guide may be obtained to show visitors round the sights, which, in addition to those already mentioned, include a pretty waterfall. A coach leaves every morning at ten, and returns in the afternoon at four.

The Maori explanation of the eruption of Tarawera is interesting, and I believe appears in print here for the first time:—

Some twenty generations ago, a Tohunga, known as Ngatoro, who was an emigrant from Hawaiki, ascended Mt. Tarawera, and there encountered Tama-o-Hoi, a man born in the district. The latter was also a Tohunga of some note. Ngatoro had been going through the country taking possession of it by naming different points. To this proceeding, however, Tama-o-Hoi objected, with the result that they quarreled, and Tama-o-Hoi disappeared into the earth, vowing vengeance on Ngatoro and his people. (Ngatoro, according to tradition, was the one who set fire to Tongariro to warm himself, because he was perishing with cold in the snow). Time passed by, generations came and went, until in 1886 an old Tohunga named Tuhoto, who lived at the foot of the Tarawera Mountain in a village called the Wairoa, went on a visit to some friends who lived nearer the mountain. Being a man of note his visit caused quite a stir, but the consequences were dire, for immediately upon his return home, a child belonging to the chief of the village which Tuhoto had visited, sickened and died. There appeared to be no explanation for the death of an apparently healthy child, therefore the villagers were not surprised when during the *tangi* the grandmother



WAIROA AFTER THE
ERUPTION

of the child cursed Tuhoto for having bewitched (makutu) it. This curse very soon reached Tuhoto's ears, and he became very indignant. He immediately set to work to wipe out the whole tribe of the offending chief. He therefore called upon Rua-au-Moko, the god of volcanoes, together with Ngatoro and Tama-o-Hoi (the two latter were supposed to be in league with Rua-au-Moko). The result of this was the Tarawera eruption, which very nearly exterminated the Ngatirongitahi tribe. Mark the sequel: Tuhoto himself was overtaken in the general disaster, and was dug out alive, having been four days in a buried *whare*. His hair and body were caked with lava, and it was necessary to cut off his hair to get rid of it, and this it is believed by the Maoris brought about his death.

Lakes Rotorua and Rotoiti are visited by steamer which leaves the wharf at 10 o'clock every morning returning at 5 p.m. On the pier at Ohinemutu, especially in the early summer, can be heard the vigorous croaking of innumerable frogs, and the learned visitor will be irresistibly reminded of the remarkable onomatopœic in Aristophanes' "Ranæ": *βρεκεκεκεξ κοῦξ κοῦξ*. The boat will call at Mokoia Island, and passengers can see Hinemoa's Bath, made famous by the very pretty Maori legend which runs somewhat as follows:

Hinemoa, the beauteous and high-born maiden of Rotorua, was the daughter of Umukaria, the chief of the tribe which lived on the shores of the lake. Her wooers were many, and the fame of her loveliness had spread from Rotorua even unto the North Cape, but her heart knew not the thrill



TUTEREI KAREWA,
NGATIMARU CHIEF

of love. At length it was announced that a meeting of the various branches of the Arawa tribe would take place at her father's village. Her suitors were many, and they came from near and far, clad in fine raiment and bearing costly gifts to lay at the feet of Hinemoa. Never before had the shores of Lake Rotorua witnessed such an array of rank and prowess. On these festive occasions it was a custom in the good days of old for youths and maidens to join together in song and dance. In these *haka* the

Quips and cranks and wanton wiles,
Nods and becks, and wreathèd smiles

oft kindled the first spark of love in the youthful breast. And thus it fell out at this time.

Among the visitors was one Tutanekai, whose father was Uenuku and whose mother was the wife of Whakaue, the chief of Mokoia, an island in the middle of Lake Rotorua. Owing to his birth-stain Tutanekai dare not aspire to the hand of such a noble maiden as Hinemoa.

Tutanekai, however, for months past had rehearsed the *haka* in secret with his servant Tiki, and had become a past master of the art. The guests begin their *haka* in honour of their hosts, and its weird strains wake the echoes of the hills. The villagers, with Hinemoa at their head, are watching the dancers, when suddenly Tutanekai springs into the fore front of their ranks. With every nerve quivering with the joy of life, he whirls back and forth from one end of the line to the other, and many of the



HINEMOA BATH

dancers catch some of his wild enthusiasm. Hinemoa is overcome, and the proud citadel of her heart yields unconditionally to the wanton attack of Tutanekai. The dance is over, and each of the chiefs fondly imagines that he has won the love of Hinemoa. But it is not to be, for Hinemoa, according to the custom of her people, sends her handmaid to Tiki with the intimation that her mistress is graciously pleased to grant Tutanekai a private audience. But the course of true love never did run smooth. The revels are over. The farewell speeches are made, and the visitors return whence they came. The young chiefs, wholly unconscious of Hinemoa's choice, await the announcement of her decision.

Having assured Tutanekai of her undying love for him, and he having sworn eternal fealty to her, Hinemoa hastens to acquaint her father with the state of her feelings. The old chief is furious. There are no limits to his rage. He accuses her of base ingratitude. She has chosen a plebeian, and would disgrace his hitherto untarnished name. Hinemoa is undaunted. Her choice is fixed. What if her father has dared Tutanekai to set foot on their shores again? Love laughs at difficulties and will surely find a way.

So that there shall be no possibility of Hinemoa rowing to the island, three miles away, her father orders all the canoes to be hauled far up beyond the beach. This is done, and the love-lorn maiden sits on the beach at eventide, and hears the strains of her faithful Tutanekai's lute wafted to her by the breeze. At length love proves stronger than maiden modesty, and Hinemoa resolves to brave the

dangers of the deep waters, and swim to her lover. The eventful night arrives. The young moon is hidden behind heavy banks of clouds. Hinemoa wades into the waters of the lake, so cold, so chill, yet not cold



MAORI CARVING



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HAMURANA
STREAM

enough to quench the fire of love in her heart.

The fitful, struggling moonbeams disappear in the west, and a thick darkness overspreads the waters, and blots out her island goal. "My love," she murmurs, "would that

thou wert nigh to help me." And now she swims on with the cheering strains of the lute guiding her to her love and the shore.

On, on she swims, very slowly now for her strength is failing fast. Will she ever reach the shore? Very far away seem the notes of the lute. A night bird flies swiftly past. Oh, for its wings that she may fly away to Tutanekai and rest! She tries to stand, but finds no bottom, and sinks beneath the dismal waters. The darkness enters her soul, but still she struggles wildly, and at last feels herself breathing once more. She gathers all her small remaining strength for one last despairing effort, and joy fills her breast as her tender feet touch the sand. Wearily she sits down in the shallow water, faint and spent, but on the island at last. After resting awhile, she rises, all numbed and cold, and falters up the beach. Presently, in the darkness, she stumbles upon a hot water pool, and plunges into it, and its cheering warmth invigorates her tired spirit.

How is she to find her lover?

Into what house soever she goes, the owner (according to Maori usage) can claim her as his own. In this quandary Tutanekai unconsciously comes to the rescue. He is tired and thirsty after his playing, and sends Tiki with a calabash to draw water from a cold spring close beside the bath in which Hinemoa is sitting. Hinemoa is now herself again, and when she hears Tiki's footsteps, she asks him in a gruff voice, "Who sent you, and why come you hither?" Tiki tells her that



HAMURANA
RIVER

Tutanekai has sent him for drinking water. Hinemoa does not know Tiki, and fearing to trust him, resorts to strategy. She asks Tiki for a drink, and he hands her the calabash, thinking that Hinemoa must be a man, and a chief. She drinks and breaks the calabash against the face of the rock. Tiki at once returns and gets another calabash, which he also fills. Hinemoa, again in her assumed voice, orders the slave to give her the calabash, and being accustomed to obey, he does so. Hinemoa then breaks the second calabash, and orders Tiki to tell his master what has happened. When Tutanekai hears the story of this strange man's presumptuous conduct, he seizes his spear, and accompanied by Tiki rushes down the slope, prepared to avenge the insult. On reaching the pool, where Hinemoa is still hiding, he demands the name of the offender.



OKERE

"It is I," replies Hinemoa, and she immediately rises, leaves the pool, and stands upon the bank in all her naked loveliness, as graceful as a snow white heron.

"It is indeed thyself," cries Tutanekai, in his joy and amazement, and he promptly removes his feather mantle and encircles the lovely form of Hinemoa in its sheltering folds. Tutanekai then dismisses Tiki to prepare the bridal chamber, and slowly the lovers follow to their home.

The following is a Maori account of the same legend



OHINEMUTU

which I took down from the dictation of a chief at Rotorua. It will no doubt be interesting to Maori students:—

Te Arohatanga o Hinemoa raua ko Tutanekai.

Ko te wahine nei ko Hinemoa he puhi; he tamahine na Umukaria o Ngatiwhakaue, Rotorua. Akuanei ka puta nga rongo mo Hinemoa ki tena kainga, ki tena kainga; na wai a kua hiahia tena tamaiti rangatira, tena tamaiti rangatira hei wahine mana, mana. Ka huihui nei aua tamariki rangatira ki te kainga o Umukaria, ka whakatu i te haka maratou. Tenei hoki a Tutanekai te tamaiti poriro, a Uenuku. Te tu nei haka ai, ka matakitaki te tangata whenua, a Hinemoa hoki. Rokohanga iho ko te rerenga o te maia ra, o Tutanekai, ki te aro-a-kapa o te haka. Tau rawa mai te maia nei i tetahi taha, i tetahi taha o te kapa ra. Haere mai hoki te mahi pukana, te arero whatero, koia ano! Anana! Ka mate noa ake te puhi nei ki te mahi a te maia ra, me te hiahia tonu atu, a ka noho whai-a-ipo nei raua ki a raua.

Te rongonga o Umukaria, o te matua, ko tana riringa i riri ai ki te tamahine. Hei aha ma Hinemoa, ka whakamau tonu a ia ki a Tutanekai. Ka toia nga waka ki uta kia kore ai he ara mo Hinemoa ki Mokoia, he moutere tena. Ka kauria nei e Hinemoa a Rotorua, whiti noa ki Mokoia. Ka noho a ia i roto i te waiariki i reira whakamahana ai i a ia. Akuanei ka tonoa e Tutanekai tana pononga, a Tiki, hei kawewai. Te taenga atu o Tiki ki te wai, ka rokohangatia e ia a Hinemoa e noho ake ana i roto i te puia. Ka tonoa nei e Hinemoa te taha wai, a hoatutia ana e Tiki. Te inumanga a Hinemoa i te wai ra, wahia ake ana e ia te taha. Ka hoki nei te pononga ra, ka ki atu ki tana rangatira ki a Tutanekai, kua wahia tana taha e te tangata. Ka whawha atu a Tutanekai ki tana tao. heke



THE MAORI GREETING



A MAORI GIRL



PARABAKI BAY,
ROTOITI

tonu atu ki te puia ra. Ka rere tonu atu tana patai ki te tangata e noho ake ra :

“Ko wai koe?” Te whakahokinga a Hinemoa, “Ko au nei tenei.” Ka haere tonu ake te wahine i roto i te puia, tu ana i tahaki, me he kotuku! Te kitenga atu o Tutanekei ko ia, ka unuhia tana kahu huru, ka whakakakahuria atu e ia ki te puhi ra. Heoi ano, ka whakatika raua, ka anga atu ki to raua whare, moe tonu atu.

After leaving Mokoia Island, the steamer proceeds to the head of Lake Rotorua. Passengers are then transhipped to a small boat, and they row through the pretty Ohau Channel, which connects Rotoiti with Rotorua. The voyage is then continued in the steam launch Hinemoa. At a certain spot the traveller may bathe in a hot spring on the shore, or he may disport himself in the lake itself. The hills which fringe the shore at the head of Rotoiti are bold and well wooded, and on a calm afternoon they are to be seen broadly mirrored on the bosom of the lake. The trip throughout is charmingly idyllic. Lunch, which is provided by the hotel, nicely packed in a hamper, may be enjoyed on the launch, or if passengers wish to go on by buggy to Rotoehu and Rotoma (by arrangement with E. Robertson and Co.), they may exploit their hampers on



MANUPIRAU BATH,
ROTOITI



POHUTU GEYSER

landing at Tapuwacharuru. This little Maori settlement is at the extreme east of Lake Rotoiti. Passengers may return either by boat or coach. For the first eight miles of the latter route the road skirts the shores of the lake, and is very pleasant, but the remaining portion of the trip is barren and uninteresting, except for Tikitere, famous for its Inferno, Gates of Hades, Blue Lake, and various other forms of thermal activity. The better way to see Tikitere, however, will be described later on. On landing at Tapuwacharuru the Maori exacts a toll of 2s. 6d.

from the party. The boat fare is 10s.

WHAKAREWAREWA is only about a mile and a half from Rotorua, and coaches leave frequently for this absorbingly interesting spot. Single fare, 6d. The first object of interest that meets the eye of the visitor on his arrival at Whakarewarewa is the *Whare Whakaiero* (carved house), called Rauru, after the first Maori carver who came to *Aotearoa* (New Zealand). Most of the carvings in the house were done to the order of Te Waru, an old Arawa chief, who ordered the *whare* to be built in honour of his wife.

While the carvers were at work on the house, Te Waru entered the building smoking his pipe. According to Maori belief, the owner of a house should not smoke or eat in it until the building is finished, and the ceremony of *Te Kawanga* (removal of *tapu*) has been performed. An old *tohunga* warned Te Waru not to proceed with the erection of the house, as it had come to him in a dream that seven



MAORI CHILDREN
DIVING
FOR PENNIES

people should die if the house were built. Te Waru, heedless of the warning of the *tohunga*, ordered the building to be proceeded with. Almost immediately his wife died, and in consequence the work was discontinued for a while. In process of time, however, Te Waru took unto himself another wife, who also died in a few months. After two years Te Waru married his third wife, who bore him two sons. When these were growing to manhood, the chief once more decided to resume operations upon the house. The result was that in a very short time he lost his third wife and his two sons. After this the *whare* became entirely *tapu*, and Mr. Nelson, the genial and many-sided host of the Geyser Hotel, was thus, with the assistance of *Te Keepa te Rangipuaruhe*, the *Rangatira* of Whakarewarewa, enabled to purchase it.

When Mr. Nelson bought the house he had it brought to Whakarewarewa. Te Waru told Mr. Nelson that he would never finish it, and insisted that he and Mrs. Nelson, the two carvers, or the two *Tohunga* engaged to perform

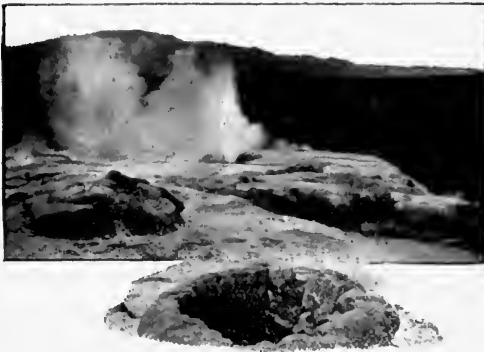


POHUTU GEYSER

A HAKA
FOR A PENNY,
WHAKAREWAREWA



the incantations at the opening ceremony, would die. This would make the seven deaths and complete the fulfilment of the old prophesy. Needless to say, these warnings were disregarded; the house was duly opened, and a week



BRAIN POT
AND
POHUTU GEYSER

BATHING POOL,
WHAKAREWAREWA



Martin, photo

afterwards Rangitahau, the old *Tohunga* who opened the *whare*, died, and on the very day on which he was buried, the other *Tohunga* who assisted at the ceremony, died also.

The *Tekoteko* (figurehead) of the *whare* is supposed to be a representation of Tutanekai. Either Maggie, the brilliant and accomplished guide, or Sophia, will give any visitors an exceedingly interesting account of all the legendary lore embodied in the carving contained in the *whare runanga*, and they will also conduct them round the many geysers, porridge pots, and other weird sights of Whakarewarewa.

The principal geysers are *Pohutu* (the splasher), which throws up boiling water to a height of about 60 feet. Close to *Pohutu* is *Te Horo* (the Cauldron), which always boils up and overflows before *Pohutu* plays. On the other side of *Pohutu* is the Prince of Wales' Feather, which broke out about five years ago. As soon as the feather reaches a height of 20 feet, *Pohutu* may be expected to perform. *Wairoa* (high column of water), when in action, sends up a mass of boiling water to a height of fully 100 feet. *Korohihi* (hissing water) plays with reasonable regularity to a height of about 20 feet. *Kereru* (pigeon) plays all day long at very short intervals. The Torpedo, as it is called, is a tolerable imitation, on a small scale, of the exploding of a submarine mine. It is produced by the boiling mud coming in contact with the cold water of the *Puarenga* (muddy stream). The *Waikite* Geyser has not played for eight years. It stopped on the very day that the railway was opened to Rotorua; hence the Maori says, *Na te Pirimia i whakamutu* (it was stopped by the Premier).



"MAGGIE"

Near Waikite is a cave called *Te Hinau*, in which an old chief, *Te Tukutuku*, hid for two years from his enemies. Upon the discovery of his retreat, he was captured and beheaded, and his brains were cooked in *Te Komutumutu* (the brainpot), and duly eaten.

Much amusement can be derived from the young Maoris who, at strictly reasonable rates, dive for pennies or dance *haka* for the edification of visitors and their own enrichment. The Geyser Hotel, presided over by Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, is excellent, and a week or two can be whiled away with pleasure and profit at this remarkable spot. Mr. Nelson has a well-nigh inexhaustible store of Maori legends and folk lore. Probably the most weird and wonderful sight in the thermal district is *Waimangu* (Black Water) Geyser. It is distant about seventeen miles from Rotorua and seven and a half miles from Waiotapu. It is best to hire a conveyance and start early in the morning, taking a hamper. If the geyser is not likely to play for some time, and the guide can generally tell with tolerable accuracy when it is likely to remain inactive, a visit should undoubtedly be paid to Lake Rotomahana (warm lake). There is a boat on the lake, and a row amidst the wonders to be seen and felt on Rotomahana is exceedingly impressive. The cliffs bordering a part of the lake are as suggestive of the infernal regions as anything on earth. They are simply alive with steam jets and blow-holes. Sound and sight combine to conjure up before the imagination a saw mill or smithy on the other side the Styx, the lake itself is warm in some parts and in others it is boiling. If the geyser does not play that day, the party should either camp on the hill



KERERU GEYSER,
ROTORUA



WAIMANGU
GEYSER,
ROTOMAHANA



THERMAL COUNTRY, ROTOMAHANA



TARAWERA MOUNTAIN

above the crater, or retire to Waiotapu and return in the morning.

The crater of Waimangu is variously estimated at from half an acre to one acre in extent, and the geyser itself discharges an immense body of water, mud, and stones to a height of from 300 to perhaps 800 or 900 feet. Truly a great and wonderful phenomenon. A number of tourists, who had seen Waimangu in its great and original "lightning change," were discussing the conflict of evidence as to the height of the geyser at its best, when an Aramaic Pole, of great erudition, and burning with the apostolic fire of communication, exclaimed: "Vell, it's kvide zimble. All you've god to do is to gid a baromededer. You vatch der shadow gast py der geyser, denn you loog at der baromededer, and denn you muldibly. It's kvide zimble!" This is geodetics made "zimble" with a vengeance. No more foolish logarithms nor tedious *sines* and *co-sines*. Multiply the barometer by the shadow. O shades and shadows of Professor de Morgan! *Magni nominis umbra!*

The photograph of Waimangu gives but a faint notion of its splendour and magnificence. And here let me say, that however good the photographs of New Zealand scenery may be, the cleverest operator with the best of lenses in the world, could give in a thousand photographs but a feeble reflection of the amazing glories of this wondrous country. And of these Waimangu Geyser is by no means the least.

One of the best trips in the district can now be made from Rotorua to Wairoa by coach as previously described, thence by open boat across Lake Tarawera, about eight miles. From Lake Tarawera to Lake Rotomahana is a walk of about half a mile. On the shore of the latter lake an open boat will be in waiting to convey passengers to the opposite shore, the visitor being rowed across that portion of Rotomahana Lake which is boiling, whence a short walk brings the visitor to the Black Crater, the Echo Crater, and the wonderful Waimangu Geyser.



WAIMANGU GEYSER
ROTOMAHANA



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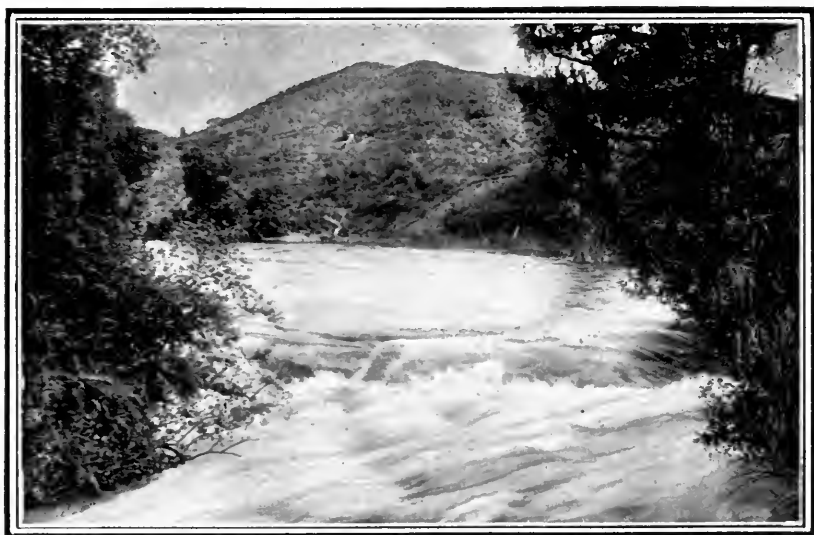
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TE REKEREKE
GEYSER, WAIRAKEI

Very pleasant excursions can be made to the Okere Rapids, to Hamurana, to Tikitere, and to the top of Ngongotaha Mountain, whence a very fine and extensive view is obtainable. Hamurana and Tikitere can be done in one day, partly by boat, and partly by buggy. The photographs of Hamurana and Okere give some slight idea of their beauty and picturesqueness.

Fishing.—There are the following streams in close proximity to Rotorua township, well stocked with trout: Utuhuia, Ngongotaha, Waikorowhiti, Purenga, Umurua, Ohau, and Kaituna. Fish are caught up to 10 lbs. in weight with rod and line. The baits generally used are the phantom white-bait and artificial English flies. There is a local Anglers' Club in the town with a membership of about forty, the object of which is to develop the sport of rod fishing, and to give information to visiting anglers. Fishing licenses are issued at very reasonable rates by Mr. A. Williams. The Government Tourist Agent, Rotorua, will give anglers full information respecting fishing.



OKERE RAPIDS

HAMURANA
SPRING



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WAIOTAPU, WAIRAKEI, AND TAUPU.—On the way to Wairakei and Taupo, the visitor should spend the night at Waiotapu, where there is a convenient hotel. Indeed, this is the best place from which to visit the Waimangu Geyser and Lake Rotomahana, as it is only about seven miles from the former. In addition to this there are many objects of interest to be seen at Waiotapu. The Champagne Pool is quite remarkable, a shovelful of earth thrown into it causes the water to effervesce with exceeding enthusiasm. There are also sulphur falls, mud craters, the Primrose Falls, Alum Cliffs, and a pretty lake. The variations in colour of the many small lakes is most surprising. Altogether the sights are well worth a visit. The Maori levies a toll of 2s. 6d. per head, and provides a guide to the sights. The sights on the Government Reserve at Waiotapu are open to visitors without charge.

Wairakei, which is 26 miles from Waiotapu by coach, is



THE TWINS,
WAIRAKEI

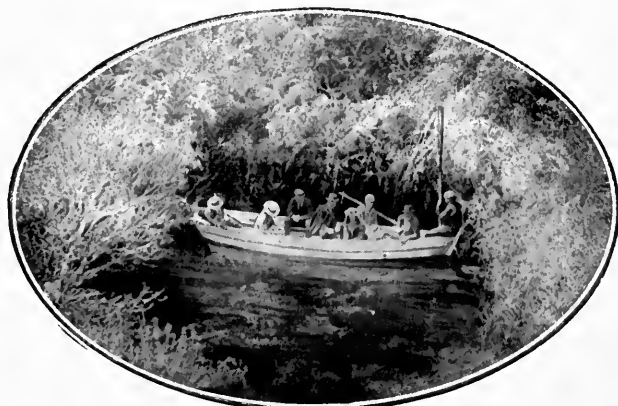


PRINCE OF WALES'
FEATHERS, WAIRAKEI

one of the most interesting spots in New Zealand. The Geyser House Hotel is picturesquely situated and is admirably conducted. There are hot swimming baths, a tennis court, a croquet lawn, and a shooting gallery in the grounds, which abound also in beautifully cool sequestered spots, where guests can "in sweet seclusion seek the shade."

The Geyser Valley is full of objects of absorbing interest to the tourist. One of the most delightful spots is a cool shady seat from which can be seen Nga Mahanga (The Twins) and The Prince of Wales' Feathers. The former geyser plays regularly every few minutes, and the latter is made to play by diverting the course of a tiny stream

of water. Both can be seen with advantage from the shade-embowered seat. The Prince of Wales' Feathers Geyser throws its watery plumes in two showers of spray to the height of from 30 to 50 feet. The display, which is exceedingly fine, lasts for about 30 seconds. The Champagne Cauldron is an enormous boiling pool, and viewed from the level of the creek the sight is truly magnificent. The



HAMURANA
SPRING

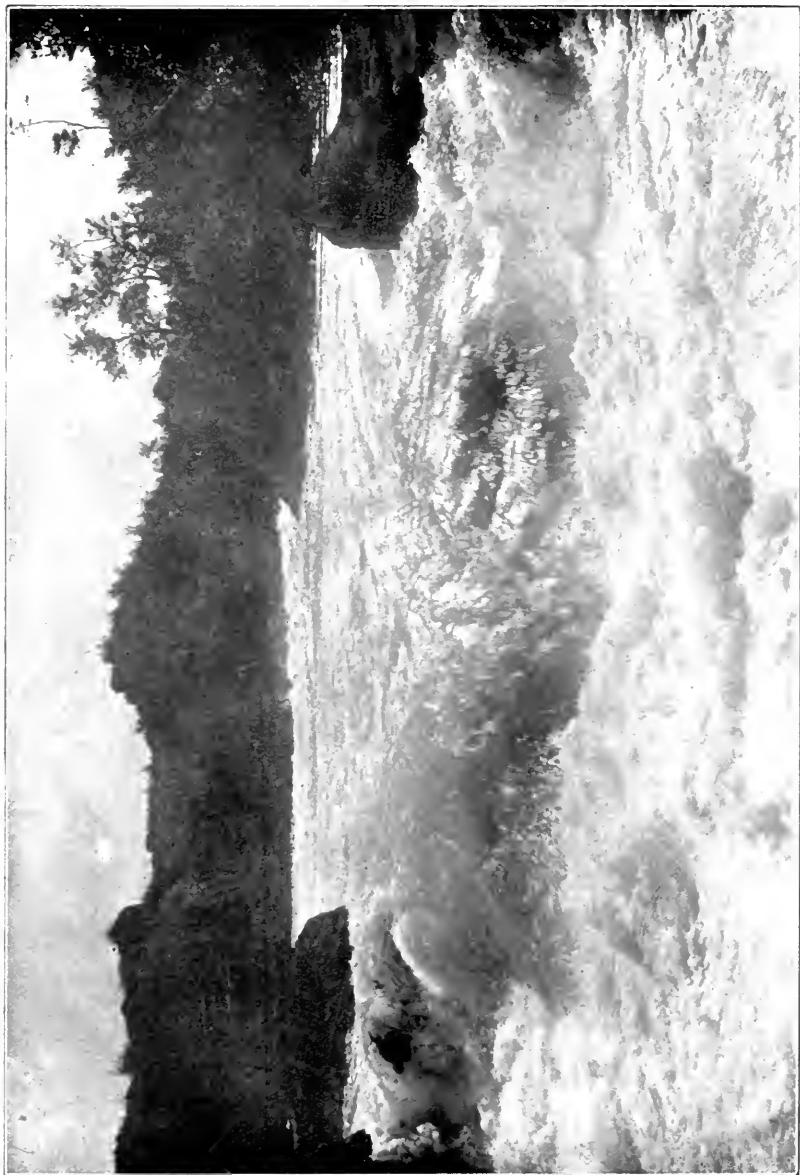
Great Wairakei Geyser seen in the illustration plays at intervals of about nine minutes to a height of from 10 to 40 feet, and the display lasts about four minutes. The Eagle's Nest is another pretty geyser. It is covered with boughs all frosted with white cinder, and, as its name implies, looks like an eagle's nest. A guide is provided for the trip.



GREAT WAIRAKEI
GEYSER

Another particularly delightful excursion is that to the Aratiatia Rapids. A buggy and guide are provided by the hotel, and after a drive of about four miles, that part of the Waikato River is reached on which the rapids are situated. Here the Waikato seethes and foams through a narrow channel between rugged cliffs some 200 feet in height. The sight is impressively grand and awe-inspiring. Another day may be spent in seeing the Kerapiti Blow-hole and the Huka Falls. Kerapiti is an exceedingly interesting Fumerole three miles from Wairakei, which Dr. Hochstetter called the safety-valve of New Zealand. Pennies, pieces of wood, and in fact any substance thrown into the mouth of the Blowhole are immediately ejected with great force. The guide will light a fire of brush-wood near the entrance, and a dense mass of smoke will be emitted from the Fumarole. A truly remarkable sight.

From Wairakei also, excursions can be made to Orakei-Korako and Ateamuri. Orakei-Korako is about 17 miles from Wairakei; a guide and horses for the trip are supplied at the Geyser House Hotel. The principal sights can be seen in about three hours, but a night may be spent there conveniently and profitably. The *Rahurahu Geyser* on the left bank of the Waikato, is close at hand, and within a radius of a few hundred yards are many other geysers, mud volcanoes, and boiling pools, grottos, and the beautiful



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ARATATIA RAPIDS, WAIRAKEL.



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PATAKA, OR STORE HOUSE

Pyramid of Geysers. From Orakei-Korako to Ateamuri is about 10 miles. The latter is on the coach road from Rotorua to Wairakei and Taupo, and as there is a good hotel here, visitors may spend the night. About three miles from Ateamuri hotel is the unspeakably grand *Aniwaniwa* (Rainbow) Cascade—the two accents in this word fall respectively on the two “n’s.” Other sights in the district are The Redoubt, *Te Niho-o-te-Kiore* (The Tooth of the Rat) Hot Spring, the Monumental Stones (erected to the memory of some 50 Ngatimaru people slain and eaten by Nga-roto warriors), and the Pohatu-roa (Tall Rock) Hill.

The Huka Falls are about half-way between Wairakei and Taupo, quite close to the main thoroughfare. Here again the Waikato River flows through a narrow chasm between lofty walls of rock. A bridge spans the rapids, from which a fine view may be obtained. Another six miles along the bank of the Waikato brings the traveller to Taupo.

“SOPHIA” AT THE
COOKING HOLE



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CROW'S NEST, TAUPŌ

The view across the Lake from the village is very fine. In the distance may be seen the lofty snow-clad peaks of Tongariro, Ngauruhoe, and Ruapehu.

Hotel.—The Terrace (10s. a day).

The "Spa" is a boarding house at Taupō, consisting of a number of small buildings. The interior of a fine carved Maori house is used as a dining room. In the well-kept grounds are hot and cold swimming baths for ladies as well as gentlemen. The Spa sights include the previously mentioned Crow's Nest Geyser on the banks of the Waikato. There are also several *ngawha*, and a so-called Champagne Pool in the vicinity. A guide from the Spa will conduct visitors over the sights. The Aratiatia Rapids may also be visited from Taupō. A ride of eight miles brings the visitor to the spot, whence a good view may be obtained from the opposite bank to that from which the visitor sees them on the excursion from Wairakei. Rotokawa (Bitter Lake) may also be seen *en route*. A guide and horses may be obtained in Taupō.



THE SPA,
TAUPŌ

The Terrace Hotel, Taupo, is salubriously situated. The Terraces themselves are well worth visiting, and there are also some hot baths of considerable therapeutic value on the grounds. Many invalids (consumptives and others), have stayed at the Terrace with beneficial effects.

The following very pretty narrative of Bishop Selwyn's first visit to Te Heuheu at Taupo, I have taken down from the dictation of a Maori *rangatira*. The story has appeared in print before, but in anything but idiomatic Maori. Any Maori scholar will give the enquiring tourist a translation :

I te ekena mai o Pihopa Herewini ki te motu nei, ka haere ia ki nga wahi nohoanga tangata a ka tae hoki ia ki Taupo ki te Kainga o Te Heuheu. Te mutunga iho o a raua korero ko Te Heuheu, haere ana te Pihopa ki te whare e moe ai a ia. Na, whakaritea ana e Te Heuheu he wahine hei hoa moe ma te Pihopa. Kahore nei te Pihopa i pai ki taua tikanga, a tonoa ana e ia taua wahine kia haere atu. I konei ka whakaaroaro a Te Heuheu ki te take i pera ai tana manuhiri.

Kitea iho e Te Heuheu he nui o te rangatiratanga o tera tangata o te Pihopa, a he iti rawa no tenei hangano te wahine kotahine, mana.

Katahi ka whakahaua e Te Heuheu kia rua nga wahine hei haere, a kia tekau atu, erangi ko te puku o tana manuhiri kia ngata i a ia.

ONEKEKEKE,
TERRACE HOTEL,
TAUPO



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HUKA FALL, WAIKATO RIVER

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HOT SWIMMING BATH, "THE SPA," WAIRAKEI



WHANGANUI
NATIVES

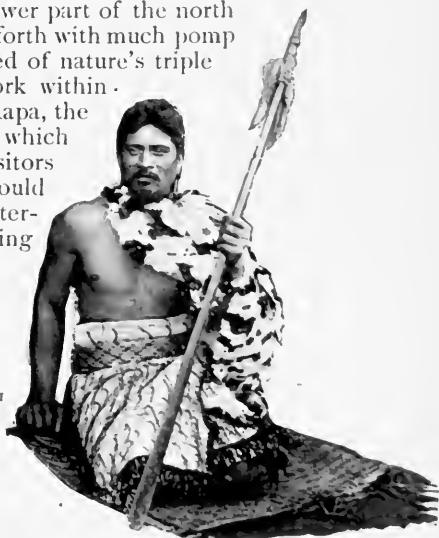
Taupo to Tokaanu, Phipiriki, and Whanganui

Passengers voyage across Lake Taupo by steamer to Tokaanu, where the night is spent. Here the traveller bids a last and fond adieu to the thermal phenomena, which must have interested him all the way from Okoroire and Te Aroha, until "this present." On the sinter flat (*papakowhatu*) adjoining the hotel, to parody Schiller's "Wilhelm Tell":

Es lachelt der *puia*
Er ladet zum Bade,

or in other words, the hot springs smile at the dusty traveller, and invite him to bathe. The ascent of Tongariro or Ngauruhoe may be made from Tokaanu, and guides for either expedition are obtainable in the district. Mount Kakaramaea near by, although extinct as a volcano, is still a very interesting object. From the lower part of the north side boiling water and hot steam issue forth with much pomp and circumstance, as though a hundred of nature's triple expansion steam engines were at work within.

At the foot of the mountain is Te Rapa, the village of the renowned Te Heuheu, which was destroyed by a landslip in 1845. Visitors who are interested in the Maoris should invest in a book of charmingly characteristic Maori stories, "Tales of a Dying



MAORI
CHIEF

Muir and Moodie, photo



WHANGANUI

Race," by A. A. Grace. These *contes* are the only Maori stories with which the writer is acquainted which faithfully reflect the Maori character and his mode of thought and expression. The last story, "A White *Wahine*," although by no means the best tale in the book, is interesting from the fact that it is true, the "white *Wahine*" being the author's mother, and the scene of the story is laid at Te Heuheu's village. The distance from Tokaanu to Pipiriki is about 82 miles, and the coach journey occupies two days, the break in journey for the night being made at Waiouru, where there is a good accommodation house. During the first day the Tongariro group is well in sight, and many beautiful streams, abounding in the "lusty trout," come as a relief to the eye of the passenger. Near Kerioi are some fine waterfalls, and one of these on the Waitangi (weeping water) Stream is passed by the coach. On the second day the road winds through the gorgeous forest of Waimarino (calm water). The road is shaded by stately *rimu*, *kahikatea*, and *totara* trees, and in the summer time the beauteous blossoms of the *rata* splash the woods with crimson.

PIPIRIKI is a small settlement on the banks of the Whanganui River. There is a most excellent accommodation house here, lighted throughout by electricity; and pig-shooting, fishing, and canoeing serve to make Pipiriki an ideal spot for a thoroughly enjoyable holiday, "far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife." Visitors should by no means miss the trip to the upper reaches of the river in one of the steamers to Tangarakau. Ten years ago the trip from Pipiriki to Whanganui could only be made by Maori canoe; now, thanks to the enterprise of Mr. Hatrick, the pioneer of steam navigation on the river, the voyage from Pipiriki to Whanganui can be made in well-appointed river steamers in about seven hours and a half. Many have written of



MAORI GIRLS



WHANGANUI
RIVER

Denton, photos

the beauties of the river, but its wealth of magnificent scenery beggars description. Here is one vivid verbal "impression" sketched many years ago by an artist who spent some months in painting the many beauties that he knew and felt so well :—

"New Zealand has often been called a show country, and certainly the sights and scenes within the length and breadth of this island are unique and various, and will, no doubt, attract an ever-increasing number of tourists from other parts, and among them all the wild and romantic scenery of the Upper Whanganui must soon take a leading place. The broad river, always interesting and beautiful both in the rapids and in the long reaches of still water, the steep rocky banks, the lofty trees, with white-cliff faces peeping out, tier above tier, from the varied foliage and blossoms of the trees, the graceful palms, and the beautiful ferns rising as thick as they can stand (acres of them), from the water's edge right up to the top of some of the mountains, the natives in their long canoes and picturesque costumes, all combine to make up a scene of the most enchanting loveliness. The caves, near Pipiriki, are very extensive, and rich in stalactites. The view of the entrance is like a fairy scene: the ferns and lichens hanging round form a fitting frame, and from the ceiling hangs, by a slender cord, a mass of living creepers like a great chandelier. There are some really magnificent views about Atene. A mile or two below Pipiriki the banks rise to a great height, and are very imposing. From the caves, for some 10 or 12 miles, the river flows between perpendicular walls of rock, all festooned with a hanging drapery of ferns and lichens, whilst higher still rise lofty hills covered with luxuriant



WHANGANUI RIVER

bush. Over these cliffs fall numerous streams, making a succession of waterfalls, all different and all beautiful: now a thin gauze-like sheet of water falling from a projecting cliff high above our heads; then a roaring cascade of sparkling water; again, one away back in a deep dark ravine almost hidden by ferns and creepers. In several places two or three cascades are visible at the same time, and some of them are double falls. Thus the visitor is led on from one fine sight to another, his admiration growing at every turn; again and again he is ready to declare the view inimitable, until the next turn of the river reveals new beauties, and calls forth new praises, when at last the interest culminates at the Manganui-o-te-Ao, where an immense cliff rises like a mighty pillar on the right, and the rivers meet like two massive lanes in a great city walled in by many massive piles of masonry."

Thus another writer:

"The ascending of the Whanganui River was full of variety and incident. Past *kainga* after *kainga*, with their typical *wharepuni* (meeting houses), *pataka*, and *whata* (food stores), their groups of Maoris—the women dressed in all the colours of the spectrum,—their frail-looking, but, in the hands of the skilful Maoris, safe tree canoes, their potato, maize, and tobacco patches, their *patuna* (eel weirs), and all the other items that go to make up the picturesque Maori settlement.

"The Whanganui has been called the Rhine of New Zealand. So it is in a sense. The Rhine is the most beautiful, scenic, and perhaps, historically, the most interesting river in Europe; and, in all probability, the Whanganui occupies the same rank amongst the New Zealand rivers. But there the analogy ends. Its banks are not the result of centuries of civilization; so it hasn't the ruined castles, walled cities, vineyards, and the cultivated landscapes



SCENE ON
WHANGANUI RIVER



THE CAVE FALLS,
WHANGANUI RIVER



of the Rhine. Its beauty is its naturalness, freshness restfulness. Tall slender *punga* (a kind of tree fern) crowned with brilliant green fronds; *rimu*—fountains of misty green; *rata*, whose roots lace the ground like serpents, and whose great spreading heads are bedecked at Christmas time with gorgeous scarlet blossoms; bright, glossy *totara*—these, while other trees clothe the steep mountains on the right hand and on the left. Now the boat lingers in front of some cave, whose entrance is concealed by a veil of delicate creepers and hanging growths; now pauses for a while where some torrent leaps from the towering cliff overhead; now is run aground at the entrance to some dark gorge, where the clear notes of the bell bird can be heard tolling in the cool forest depths. The *tui* and the *kaka* are the chief birds whose cries or songs are heard when moving on the river.

"We left Whanganui at 7 a.m. The first thing that struck us was the almost continuous, deep edging of willows on both sides. One would think that they had been planted systematically; but it is said that though the early missionaries planted a few, most have sprung from twigs or branches brought down by the current, especially in times of flood. Apart from the ever-changing landscape and the interest aroused whenever a Maori settlement came in sight, the scaling of the rapids was full of excitement.



MESSES. HATRICK AND CO.'S STEAMERS

We were on the Wairere, one of the most powerful of Hattrick and Co.'s fleet of steamers; yet at times, with the aid of a couple of Maoris poling with all their might, the steamer could hardly make headway. Indeed, it has been found necessary to fasten steel cables in shore, and to haul the steamers over some of the rapids with cable and winch. The steamer forges her way as far as possible, then the cable lying in the bed of the stream is grappled for with hooks on long poles. Perhaps a dozen casts have to be made before the rope is secured. In the meantime the more timid souls are wondering what will happen if the cable isn't caught; but the captain is wide awake, knows his work thoroughly, and is ready for all emergencies; and if the worst comes the anchor can be dropped or a skilful retreat beaten. Shooting the rapids—there are about fifty in all, including those in the upper reaches—is even more exhilarating; but with a captain who is familiar with every foot of the river—and ours was acknowledged to be one of the safest—and with Maoris who take to the river as ducks to water, tourists and excursionists need not worry.

“The Whanganui trip is done in two sections—the Pipiriki, and above,—and no one should miss the second if time will allow. Above, the banks become almost perpendicular, from any height to 400ft. or 500ft., and one can quite believe the theory that the river hasn't a bed of its own, but runs in a volcanic fissure, cutting through valleys at right angles. Shortly after leaving Pipiriki in the twin-screw steamer the company generally uses for this section,



WHANGANUI RIVER



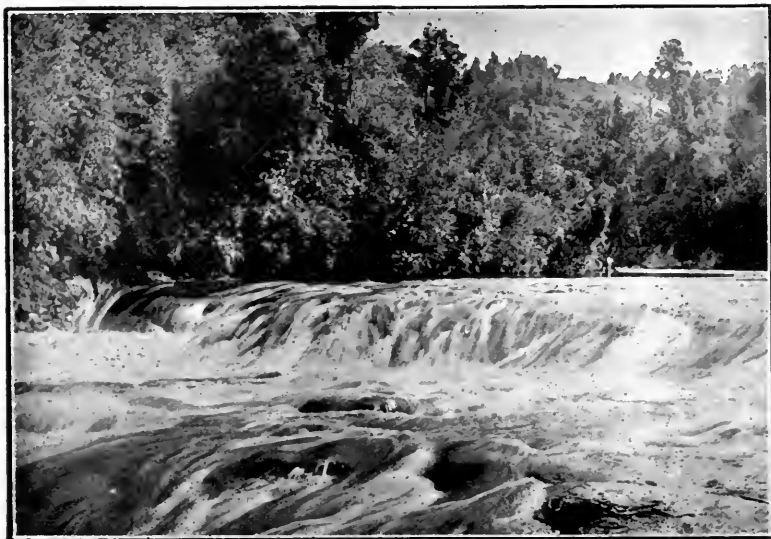
MANGANUI
A TE AO,
WHANGANUI RIVER



MAORI
CARVING

one of the most formidable rapids on the river is encountered. This being surmounted, a little further on the caves are reached. The first is truly magnificent. At the far end of an immense natural hall a torrent comes pouring down from the dark interior—goodness knows from where—and falling with a deafening roar, a solid mass rushes on to join the ‘brimming river.’ Further up the snow stream from Ruapehu adds its tribute to the glorious river. About here, too, is what is called the drop scene; but for that matter almost any part of the upper reaches will answer to that description, especially that inset part of the bank over which the water falls in the form of an ideal shower bath for giants.”

Thus writes Mr. A. W. Hogg, M.H.R.: “Starting from Whanganui, we proceeded to Pipiriki, fifty-six miles up the river, in Mr. Hatrick’s latest steamer, the ‘Waione.’ There are several steamers on the river, flat bottomed and round nosed, very much like a saucer drawn out of shape, and the journey usually occupies a day. Although the river was in flood, and the mud-coloured water was running rapidly, the trip was made in less than eight hours. The ‘Waione’ is specially adapted for travelling over the surface of the water, being propelled by four screws enclosed for safety in cylinders, and driven by a pair of 240 h.p. engines. The manner in which she forced her passage against the swiftly-running current, throwing up a wall of water on either side of her bow, running her nose at intervals against the banks and depositing the Maori passengers



OHURA FALLS, WHANGANUI RIVER

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MAORI AND
WHARE

and their stores opposite such classic settlements as Corinth, Athens, London, and Jerusalem, was a sight to be remembered. There is no need to try to describe the scenery, because the attempt to 'paint the lily' has become monotonous, but it may be mentioned that just now the clumps of quinces, laden with golden fruit, give to the varied foliage of the river banks an unwonted charm. The artificial improvement of the river with willows and poplars and fruit trees, the embellishment of the native villages with churches with wooden steeples, and a number of other products of civilizing influences, are attributable to the ancient missionary.

"PIPIRIKI, which presents a cheerful green face to the river, and rests on a series of undulating slopes, is still in its primitive or embryo stage. Its most conspicuous ornament and valuable asset is Pipiriki House, the home of the tourist, where Mr. Howard presides, and a bevy of housemaids try to make the traveller feel at home. A well-kept lawn, lined with flowers, embellishes the slope in front. Into Pipiriki House over a hundred lodgers are sometimes compressed, and on the occasion of the trip now recorded, although the weather was the reverse of inviting or hospitable, for it rained incessantly, over fifty guests sat down to a dinner served up in first-class hotel style. The surroundings of Pipiriki are much broken, the hill-slopes rising rather abruptly for 600 feet, but the soil is fairly good, and fruit trees and vegetables seem to do well. Behind the township is a well-timbered hill, reserved as a domain. The Maori proprietors occupy comfortable houses and *whare* on both sides of the river."

A new accommodation house is now being erected at Pipiriki to accommodate two hundred guests.

After all that has been written about the Whanganui, the present writer does not intend to add to the literature on the subject, and thereby emulate, metaphorically, the folly of the Aloidæ. The reading



MANGAIO
CREEK,
WHANGANUI RIVER

Denton, photo



MAORI WHARE

of any of the descriptions extant leaves one cold, but he who is not roused to enthusiastic appreciation by the sight of the river's indescribable and innumerable glories is, to give a new application to the words of our great bard, "fit for treasons, stratagems, and spoils." The distance from Pipiriki to Whanganui is about 60 miles.

WHANGANUI, which is the centre of a splendid pastoral district, is well worth a visit. A very beautiful view of the town and the river may be obtained from Flagstaff Hill. The freezing works at the Heads are interesting, and the museum, containing a fine assortment of Maori curios, should also be seen by the visitor.

Hotel.—Chavannes'.

Tourists who wish to escape the coach journey from Tokaanu to Pipiriki may return to Auckland from Taupo. Thence they may take ship from Onehunga to New Plymouth—roughly a ten hours' trip—and take the coach during the summer season from Stratford to Whangamona, and catch a steamer on the Tangarakau, and thus proceed down the river for 104 miles to Whanganui.

NEW PLYMOUTH is the seaport of a district remarkable for the extent of its dairying industry. Visitors to this prettily situated town should see one of the butter factories in the neighbourhood. The price of land has nearly doubled in value around New Plymouth, Inglewood, and Stratford in the last six years, owing to the dairying industry.

Hotel.—The Criterion.



MAORI
WARRIOR



PIPIRIKI

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The Recreation Ground is one of the sights of the town. It is well laid out, and commands a fine view of Mt. Egmont (8,260 feet). Tourists with mountaineering proclivities can make arrangements for the ascent of Egmont, which however is only practicable during the summer months. A buggy or landau can be obtained at West's Livery Stables, for various drives in the country round about. An interesting drive is that to Parihaka, a very large Maori *kainga*. There is also excellent trout-fishing in the district. Between New Plymouth and Wellington a dining car is run on the express trains. Refreshments may be obtained at Hawera, Aramoho, Halcombe, and Palmerston.

STRATFORD is a rapidly growing town, and the centre of an already extensive and expanding dairying industry. It is 30 miles from New Plymouth, and it is from here that the coach leaves every Monday, during summer season, to meet Messrs. Hatrick and Co.'s steamer on the Tangarakau for the trip up this river and the Whanganui—104 miles of the most charming river scenery to be met with anywhere in the world. Comfortable hotel accommodation may be had at Stratford.

Trains leave Whanganui thrice daily for Palmerston, but the tourist is advised to travel by the express which leaves at about one o'clock.

PALMERSTON is a growing town, built around a large square, and has an excellent hotel (The Club). There is good fishing in the district, and a drive through the famous Manawatu Gorge can be confidently recommended to the



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WHANGANUI
RIVER



NEW PLYMOUTH
BREAKWATER

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MASTERTON

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TROUT PONDS, MASTERTON

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visitor. Trains leave Palmerston every day for Napier and Wellington.

NAPIER is a charming seaport, and the capital of the Hawke's Bay district.

Hotel.—The Masonic.

The climate is very fine, and Napier enjoys more sunshine than almost any other town in New Zealand except Nelson and Blenheim. There is good fishing in the district. Trains leave Napier every day for Wellington.

PAHIATUA, on the railway line, 107 miles from Wellington, is the centre of a very fine fishing and shooting district. The Makuri River, famous for its rainbow trout, is within easy walking distance from this township, and by a 12 miles



Collis, photo

NEW PLYMOUTH—
MT. EGMONT
IN DISTANCE



NAPIER

Wuir and Moodie
photo

coach drive through the Makuri Gorge to the village of the same name, the visitor may view a sample of an exceedingly fine forest, gorge, and river scenery. Hotel accommodation at Pahiatua and Makuri: tariff, 8/- to 10/- per day.

MASTERTON is an interesting town, which may be visited *en route*, and excellent sport for rod and gun may be found in the district.

Hotel.—The Central.

Buggies, etc., may be hired from McNair's Stables for drives in the district.



MT. EGMONT
FROM
STRATFORD

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A MAORI BELLE

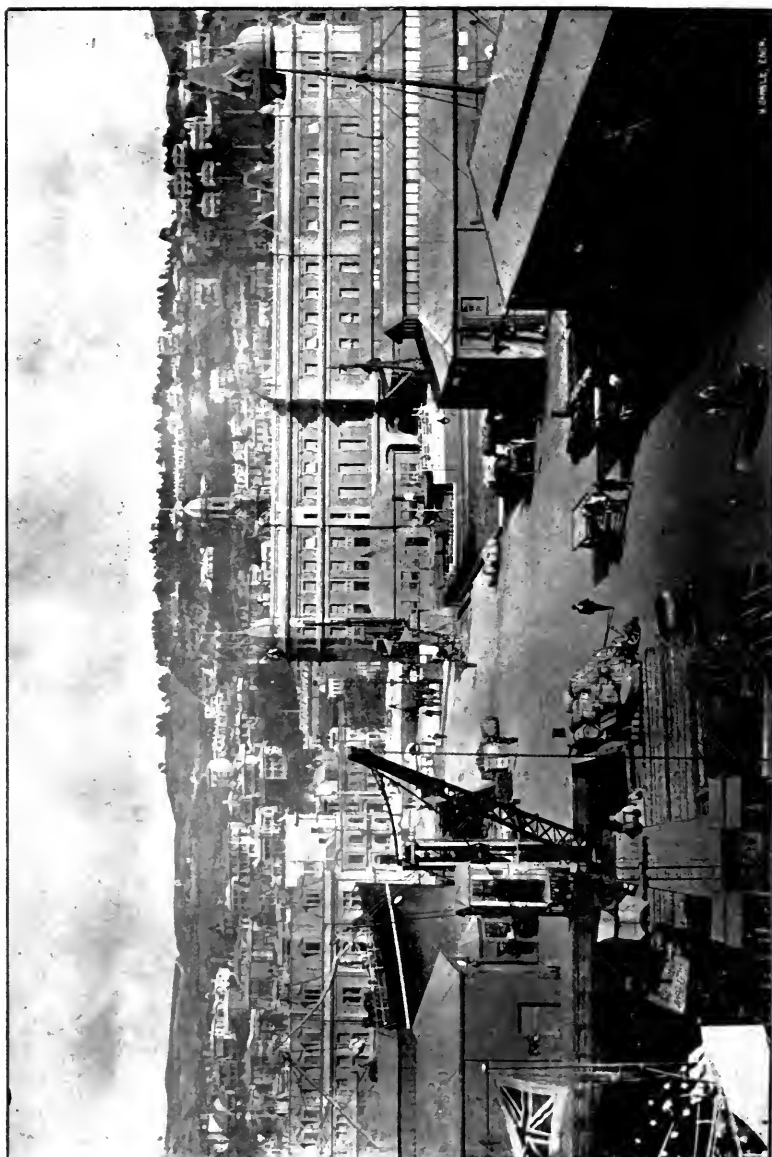
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MARTINBOROUGH, a small village with two hotels, situated about 57 miles from Wellington—45 miles by rail and 12 by coach—is the most convenient point from which stalkers can approach the red deer country of the Wairarapa, which contains some of the finest herds in New Zealand. Tents and guides can be obtained at Martinborough.

The train to Wellington passes over the Rimutaka Incline, which has a grade of one in fifteen for three miles.



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WELLINGTON FROM WHARF

Muir and Moodie, photo

WHARF,
WELLINGTON



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Wellington

The Head Office of the New Zealand Government Tourist and Health Resorts Department is situated in Brandon street. Visitors to Wellington may obtain any information respecting New Zealand by making application to that Department, or at any of the branch offices at Auckland, Rotorua, Christchurch, Dunedin, or Invercargill.

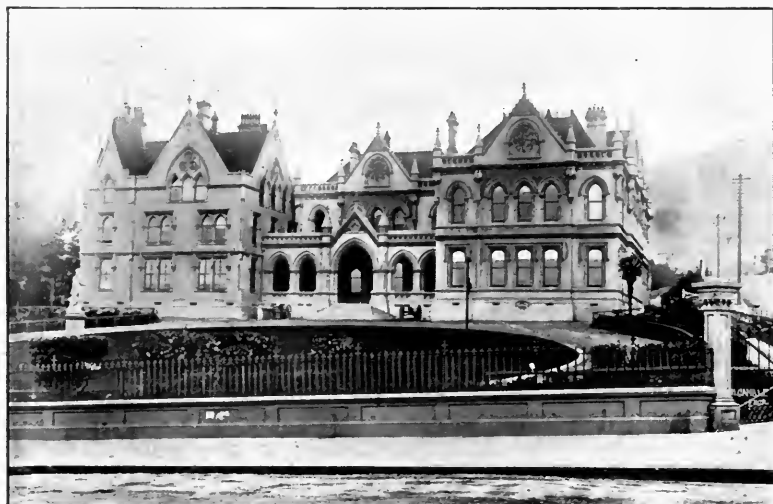
Post, Telegraph, and Money Order Offices.—These face the Queen's Wharf. The General Post Office is open every day except Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The telegraph office is open on week days from 8 a.m. to midnight; on Sundays from 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m., and from 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.; and on holidays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to midnight. The money order office is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. These three offices are in the same building. For further particulars see Post and Telegraph Guide, price 6d.

Clubs.—The Wellington (residential), the Commercial Travellers', the Working Men's, the Wellesley, and other non-residential clubs.

Hotels.—Royal Oak (12s. 6d.), Empire (10s.), Hotel Cecil (10s.).

Principal Places of Worship.—Anglican, Roman Catholic (Cathedral), Presbyterian, Congregational, Wesleyan, Baptist, and a Jewish Synagogue.





PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, WELLINGTON



GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, WELLINGTON

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Newspapers.—"The N.Z. Times" (published every morning), "The Evening Post." "The N.Z. Mail," and "The Free Lance" are weeklies.

Population.—50,000

Conveyances.—Trams run through the main street between Thorndon to Newtown. There is also a cable car to Kelburn. The single fare is 3d. for any distance, but a reduction is made to buyers of a dozen tickets.

Cab Fares.—From Wharf to Hotel or *vice versa*, 1s. 6d. each; Railway Station to Hotel or *vice versa*, 2s. each. The fare by the hour is 5s.; after 7 p.m., or before 8 a.m., double fares are charged.

The Parliamentary Buildings are situated in Molesworth street. Parliament is in Assembly usually from June to October. The Parliamentary Library is one of the best in the Southern Seas.

The Government Offices are on the northern end of Lambton Quay, close to Government House, Parliament Buildings, and the Government Printing Office. They are contained in the largest wooden building in the world.

The Museum, which is in Museum Street, opposite to Government House, is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on week days, and from 2 to 4 on Sunday afternoons. The museum contains some fine examples of Maori carving, New Zealand geological specimens, and samples of timbers and *fauna*.

The Free Public Library, Mercer Street, contains many valuable books of reference, and all current newspapers and magazines. It is open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and on Sundays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.



BANK OF
NEW ZEALAND
WELLINGTON



ISLAND BAY,
WELLINGTON

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Principal Scholastic Institutions.—Victoria College and Girls' High School, Thorndon; Wellington College and St. Patrick's College, near the Basin Reserve.

Recreation Grounds.—Newtown Park and Athletic Park at Newtown; Basin Reserve at Southern end of Cambridge



MANAWATU GORGE

Terrace; Botanical Gardens near the top of Tinakori Road; Golf Links and Polo Grounds at Miramar, Race-course at Lower Hutt.

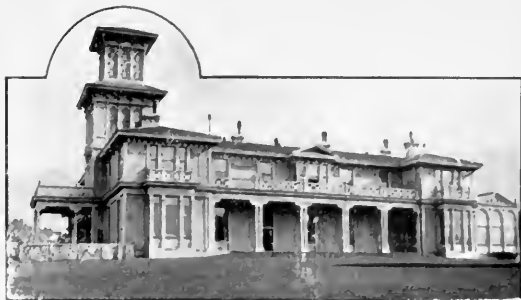
The Public Hospital and Mt. View Lunatic Asylum are in Newtown, the main Lunatic Asylum being at Porirua.

Principal Industries.—Wellington Woollen Company's Mills and Gear Company's Meat Works at Petone; and Meat Export Company's works at Ngahauranga.

Excursions and Drives.—A railway trip to Featherston embraces some pretty forest scenery, and includes a journey down and up the Rimutaka Incline, on which the Fell system is employed to work trains; length of Incline 3 miles, grade one in fifteen. Day's Bay, across Wellington Harbour (7 miles). Native bush, grounds, pavilion. Very pretty spot. Refreshments may be obtained. Fare by ferry service, 1s. 6d. return.



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GOVERNMENT
HOUSE,
WELLINGTON

McNab's Gardens, Lower Hutt.—A most enjoyable excursion. The journey may be made by train or vehicle, the railway line and road for some distance skirting the sea shore. The gardens are beautifully laid out, and there is a first-class hotel in the grounds, where luncheon or afternoon tea may be obtained. There are croquet and tennis lawns.

The drive to Island Bay, going by Oriental Bay and returning by Newtown, is interesting and enjoyable. Other drives are to Lower Hutt (8 miles), Taita (12 miles), Porirua (14 miles), Lowry Bay (14 miles), Karori (4 miles).

Railways.—Trains leave every morning for Masterton and Napier, *via* the Rimutaka Incline, Palmerston, Whanganui, and New Plymouth, but as the times of departure of trains are always subject to alteration, the tourist should obtain a copy of the Government penny time-table.



McNAB'S
GARDENS

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Flora

Many flowers and trees which now grow wild in this country are not indigenous, but for the most part this brief note will treat of the indogen rather than of the exogen. Among the most beautiful flowers to be seen in New Zealand are those of two trees, the RATA (*Metrosideros robusta*), and the POHUTUKAWA (*Metrosideros tomentosa*). In summer time the bright red blossoms of these trees are a brilliant contrast to the prevailing greens of the surrounding foliage. Several species of CLEMATIS are found on the fringe of the bush. The commonest variety is the large-flowered white *Clematis indivisa*, or as the Maori calls it, PUAWANANGA. The HOHERE, known by its pretty white flowers, is abundant in many parts, and the *Clianthus puniceus* (Maori, *Kowhai-ngutu-kaka*) is a gorgeous New Zealand pea, whose scarlet flowers are often seen in gardens. The KOWHAI tree (*Sophora tetralopha*) is a handsome tree, and its golden yellow flowers are easily recognisable. The two species of MANUKA, the accent on the *first* syllable (*Leptospermum scoparium* and *L. ericoides*) are very abundant in New Zealand. The *L. ericoides* is easily distinguished by its smaller leaves and flowers, the latter placed on short pedicels, and the calyx-tube of which is longer than in the other variety. These hardy shrubs bear in summer an abundance of pink and white flowers, which brighten the landscape considerably.

The PANAKE (*Convolvulus sepium*) is a slender plant which climbs over shrubs and small trees. The flowers are white. The *Senecio hectori* is a handsome shrub, which flowers abundantly in January. The florets are white and the



CLIANTHUS PUNICEUS
(*Kowhai-ngutu-kaka*)



LEPTOSPERMUM SCOPARIUM
(*Manuka*)



CONVOLVULUS SEPIUM
(Pauake)

capitulum is yellow. The POROPORO (*Solanum aviculare*) is a shrub common in the North Island. It bears a truly baccate and edible fruit, or berry as it is more commonly called. Other striking New Zealand berry bearers are the TAWA (*Nesodaphne tawa*), berries purple; the KOHE-KOHE (*Dysoxylum spectabile*), which bears ripe (green) berries and waxy-white flowers at the same time; the TITOKI (*Alectryon excelsum*), berry bright scarlet with one black exalbuminous seed. The SUPPLE-JACK (*Rhipogonum scandens*) is a tall tough climbing plant, whose reticulated stems form in the forest a network barrier to the advance of the intruder upon its domain. The berries are bright scarlet. The KARAKA (*Corynocarpus laevigata*) is a tall tree bearing fruit of a bright orange colour, formerly much used by the Maori as food; the KAWAKAWA (*Piper excelsum*) bears a yellow catkin with black spots. The leaves are very aromatic.

The Australian gum tree has been introduced into this country, and the BLUE-GUM (*Eucalyptus globulus*) is especially common. There are several varieties of Coprosma in New Zealand, well-known by their berries. They are probably anemophilous, that is to say, fertilised by the agency of the winds. Numerous species of the HEATH family (*Gaultheria*) flourish in this country. There are also several genera of ORCHIDS, the commonest species of which (*Dendrobium cunninghamii*) is a true epiphyte, growing on the trunks of trees. The NEW ZEALAND FLAX (*Phormium tenax*) is exceedingly widespread, and the CABBAGE TREE (*Cordyline australis*) is also abundant. Both belong to the natural order *Liliaceæ*.



PIPER EXCELSUM (Kawakawa)



ALECTRYON EXCELSUM
(Titoki)

The NIKAU (*Arca sapida*) with its large pinnate leaves, is one of the most beautiful palms to be found anywhere. In the forests north of Auckland may be seen the KAURI (*Dammara australis*), and in other parts, the KAHIKATEA or white pine (*Podocarpus dactyloides*), RIMU (*Dacrydium cupressinum*), PURIKI (*Vitex littoralis*), and other handsome trees. There is also an immense variety of ferns, and amongst others may be mentioned the *Dicksonia squarrosa*, a handsome tree-fern; the Kidney Fern (*Trichomanes reniforme*); many varieties of Maiden Hair (*Adiantum*), *Lomaria*, *Pteris*, *Gleichenia*, *Lycopodium*, and *Asplenium*.

The *Awthato* is a fungus which is parasitic on a caterpillar (*Cordiceps robertsii*). This vegetable caterpillar, as it is commonly called, leads an ordinary and uneventful life until it is attacked by the fungus, which grows out of its head and kills it.



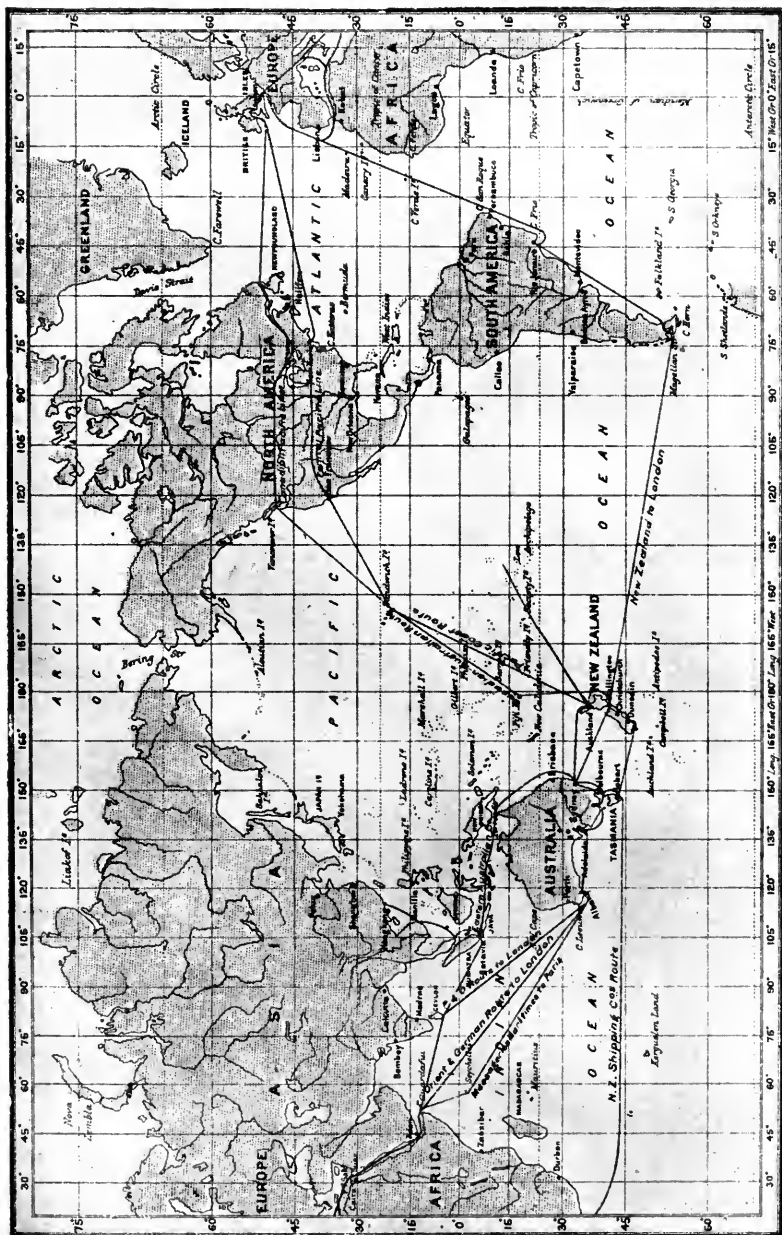
DYSOXYLUM
SPECTABILE
(Kohr-kohr)



DICKSONIA SQUARROSA



TRICHOMANES RENIFORME (Kidney Fern)



MAP OF THE WORLD SHOWING SEA ROUTES TO NEW ZEALAND

THE TUI OR
PARSON BIRD



Birds

The most extraordinary ornithic feature of New Zealand is the existence in past ages of gigantic birds, the *Hapagornis*, the *Diornis* or Moa, and the *Cnemidornis*—a gigantic goose. The Moa, skeletons of which may be seen in various museums, was very likely extinct before the arrival of the Maori canoes, Tainui and Arawa. Nevertheless, as the avifauna of New Zealand has probably been longer



SKULL OF MOA

isolated than that of any other part of the globe, there is possibly no other country in the world more interesting to ornithologists.

The following are some of the birds peculiar to New Zealand: The PARADISE DUCK or PUTANGITANGI (*Casarca variegata*), the BROWN DUCK or PATEKE (*Anas chlorotis*) and the BLUE DUCK or WHIO (*Hymenolaimus malacorhynchus*), and also the BLACK TEAL or PAPANGO (*Fuligula novae-zealandiae*) are all found in both islands. The KAKA



THE FANTAIL



THE KEA

or BROWN PARROT (*Nestor meridionalis*) is to be met with in both islands, but the KEA (*Nestor notabilis*) is only found in the South Island and then only in alpine regions. This latter parrot, formerly strictest of vegetarians, has now developed a taste for mutton. It attacks live sheep,



THE KAKA

which it pecks on the back, in the region of the kidneys, and thus destroys them. The LAUGHING OWL or WHEKAU (*Athene albifacies*) is found principally in the South Island, but the STITCH-BIRD or MATAKIORE (*Pogonornis cincla*), the BLUE-WATTLED CROW, or KOKAKO (*Glaucopsis wilsoni*), the HUIA (*Helevalocha acutirostris*) whose feathers are worn by the Maori *rangatira*, are only to be met with in the North Island. The TUI or PARSON BIRD (*Prosthemadera nova-zealandiae*) is a pretty but unfortunately rapidly diminishing species common to both islands. There are two THRUSHES or PLOPIO in this country, the one, *Turnagra crassirostris*, is now rare and only found in the South Island; the other, the *T. hectori*, is confined to the southern part of the North Island. The KIWI (*Apteryx*) is an interesting wingless bird, of which there are four varieties. There are also four kinds of WOODHEN or WEKA (*Ocydromus*) peculiar to this country, and a native PIGEON, KERERU or KUKU (*Carpophaga nova-zealandiae*) common to both islands. This pretty bird feeds on berries and leaves, and its flesh is delicious eating. The BELL-BIRD or KORIMAKO (*Anthornis melanura*) is to be found in both islands, and its note is of unmistakable bell-like quality. As Aflalo has well said: "In New Zealand fifty-eight out of sixty-nine families of land birds are found nowhere else—not, as might be expected, all flightless birds, for these number only twenty, including four species of apteryx, a duck, the KAKAPO or ground parrot, the *Notornis*, and a dozen (*Ochydromus*) wood-hens."

Since this was written a new and interesting book, "Nature in New Zealand," edited by Capt. F. W. Hutton, F.R.S., has appeared. It is written simply, for the non-scientific reader.



NEW ZEALAND
PIGEON



BELL BIRD

DISTANCES BY RAILWAY

Christchurch to Culverden	69
to Dunedin	210
Dunedin to Dunedin	75
Dunedin to Waverburm	94
to Invercargill	139
to Lawrence	60
to Bluff	156
to Kingdon (via Waimea Plains Line)	174
to Kingdon (via Invercargill)	226
Bluff to Kingdon	104

Scale of English Miles



REFERENCE

Government Railways over 600 ft. 600 miles	—————
Private Lines	—————
Coach routes	—————
Roads and tracks	—————
Special routes	—————

MAP OF Middle Island NEW ZEALAND



PICTON



Nelson and West Coast

[For railway fares and times of departure of trains see Government penny Time Table, and for other particulars not contained in the Guide the visitor is referred to the Itinery also published by the Government.]

The U.S.S. Co.'s steamers run almost daily to Nelson calling at Picton on the way. The voyage from Wellington to Picton occupies about three hours and a half. After crossing Cook Strait, the steamer enters the beauteous Queen Charlotte Sound. This is a magnificent sheet of water, in which all the ships of the world's navies might simultaneously shelter. The hills on each side of the Sound are clad with verdant foliage to the water's edge, and the shore is brodered with peaceful little bays and inlets, whose tranquil enticements are a joy and solace to the way-worn traveller.

PICTON (Hotel, Federal) is a township charmingly situated on one of the reaches at the head of the Sound, and it is from here that those who wish to see some of the almost innumerable picturesque bays and inlets of this exceedingly beautiful Sound, will find facilities for doing so which do not exist elsewhere.

Pleasant excursions may be made by means of oil launches at a very moderate cost. There is a weekly service to Endeavour Inlet and Resolution Bay, 40 miles; a bi-weekly service to Grove, 16 miles; and a daily service to Te Awaiti, 18 miles. Sea fishing and

NEAR PICTON



QUEEN
CHARLOTTE
SOUND



other interesting trips to many parts not touched by the regular services may be made by special arrangement with the launch proprietors.

Ship's Cove, made famous by the visits of Cook in 1770-2, may be reached from Endeavour Inlet by boats always procurable from the residents. Mount

Stokes, 3951 feet high, the loftiest mountain in the district, can easily be ascended from Endeavour Inlet, and its summit commands an extensive view over the Sounds and Cook Strait.

From the hills surrounding Picton charming glimpses of the village and the Sound may be caught; indeed, it would be difficult to walk from Picton in any direction without discovering new and interesting points of view. Walking may also be

varied by boating, trout fishing, and shooting.

There are very large freezing works, the property of the Christchurch Meat Co. Ltd., at Picton, which will doubtless interest those who have never seen anything of the kind.

BLENHEIM (Hotel, Criterion), which is reached by train from Picton, can also boast of some fine

ALFRED STREET,
BLENHEIM



PELORUS
SOUND



NELSON
HARBOUR



Wheeler and Son, photo

scenery in its immediate vicinage. Drives can be made from here to Havelock and the Pelorus Sound, to the Rai Fall, and the Tua Marina—the scene of the Wairau massacre. There is also good fishing and shooting in the district.

The journey to Nelson may be continued by coach from Blenheim, 78 miles, or by one of the U.S.S. Co.'s steamers from Picton. The voyage from Picton to Nelson is full of interest, if made in daylight. After again passing through Queen Charlotte Sound the open sea is reached by another outlet at Jackson's Head. The steamer then passes lofty headlands on the shore, and its course winds through an islet studded sea. The coastline of the mainland is broken by bays and sounds, including the famous Pelorus Sound, until the vessel enters the French Pass. This is an exceedingly narrow channel which separates the mainland from D'Urville Island, and through which the tidal current foams and seethes with great fury.

Before reaching the Pass, an incident of peculiar interest may be confidently looked forward to. A large white cetacian, a Beluga (*Delphinapterus leucas*), popularly known as Pelorus Jack, meets every boat

DOVEDALE
FORD,
NELSON





HAPPY VALLEY

before entering the pass on the way to Nelson, and after leaving it *en route* to Picton. Pelorus Jack disports himself in the water and plays around the bows of the ship. His gambols are full of novelty and interest to the traveller. This Beluga is the only one of his kind whose habitat is in these waters, and he is probably the only denizen of the ocean in the world who is protected by government. The regularity with which he meets every ship

at the same spot is quite remarkable, and "cameraists" should be ready on the bows of the ship to "snap" him. Any of the officers will inform the traveller when and where the finny visitant may be expected to pay his call, and when he will wave his tail *pour prendre congé*.

From the French Pass to Nelson, the vessel steams along close to an interesting and sheltered coast; indeed all the way from Picton to Nelson the sea is almost always calm.

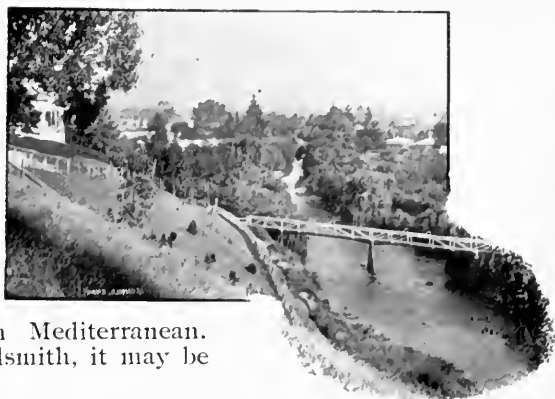
NELSON (Hotel, The Masonic) is a perfectly idyllic spot, and in the charm of its environs and the beauty of its climate, it rivals any of the towns



HAVELOCK

Tyree. photos

MAITAI
RIVER,
NELSON



on the north-western Mediterranean.
To slightly vary Goldsmith, it may be
truly said that here—

Beauteous spring its earliest visit pays,
And parting summer's lingering beam delays.

The climate of "Sunny Nelson" is almost unrivalled. For weeks and even months together, there is gorgeous cloudless sunshine, and the surrounding country is one vast, glad garden of fruits, hops, and flowers.

A drive round the immediate suburbs of Nelson is full of charm. The Maitai (obsolete Maori word, meaning beautiful), with its banks festooned by willows, crossed and recrossed in its sinuous course by picturesque bridges, is a veritable dream of tranquil beauty. Drives to the Waterworks, to the Cable Station at Whakapouaka, and to Stoke will please the most fastidiously captious. Nelson is also the musical Mecca of New Zealand, and boasts the only School of Music in the colony.





THE
WATERWORKS ROAD,
NELSON

There are many other places worthy of a visit in the Nelson district by those to whom Chronos is not an ever present ogre compelling them to hasten their



THE
BOULDER BANK,
NELSON

steps. The sportsman is tempted to linger here, as deer, both red and fallow, are to be found on the hills, and the streams abound in trout; whilst Takaka, Collingwood, and Motueka will appeal to those who are indifferent to sport, but not insensible to the beauties of nature.



THE ROCKS,
MORNING

THE WEST COAST.

This scenic paradise is reached from Nelson either by coach or by boat. If the coach journey is decided upon the train leaves Nelson every Tuesday and Friday, connecting with the coach at Motupiko, about 30 miles from Nelson. The journey to Westport by coach occupies two days; the boat does the distance in about 16 hours.

WESTPORT (Hotel, the Grand) is the Newcastle of New Zealand. Some of the finest coal deposits in the world are to be seen here, notably on the property of the Westport Coal Company. The "Calliope," on the historic occasion when she steamed safely out to sea during the hurricane at Samoa, was burning this coal. Cape Foulwind is worth a visit, and amongst other things, a fine view can be obtained from the lighthouse. The remarkable railway from Denniston coal mines is supposed to be the steepest railway gradient in the world. The town itself is perched upon a plateau 1,950 feet above the level of the sea, and may be reached from the railway terminus by a bridle path, on foot or on horse-back. In the distance, Denniston looks like some ancient walled city of Palestine.

The coach leaves Westport every day for Reefton at about eight o'clock. The distance is approximately 40 miles, and the route lies for some miles through the weird and impressive Buller Gorge, than which *sui generis*, nothing finer could well be imagined. On the one hand are the Buller River and the everlasting hills, and on the other precipitous cliffs densely overgrown with trees, shrubs, and ferns. Now the mighty river flows serenely on its way to the sea, and ever and anon

THE
BULLER RIVER





INANGAHUA
LANDING

Ring, photo

it is cabined and confined by its steep banks in a narrower channel, and swirls and rushes madly on, brimful of anger and resentment at the restraint. The luxuriance of the vegetation on the banks is truly wonderful; trees, flowers, and berries, ferns and fern-arches, are a constant source of joyful surprise to the traveller. Wordsworth has said of "Peter Bell":

A primrose by the river's brim
A yellow primrose was to him,
And it was nothing more,

but "Peter Bell" could hardly have crossed the Buller Gorge without some of its beauty appealing even to his small unknowing soul. The Buller River, about nine miles from Westport, and the Inangahua River later on, are crossed on punts. The current is used to propel the punt which

bears the coach across to the other side of the river. No pen can give the slightest idea of the splendid magnificence of the Buller and Otira Gorges. They must be seen—and not read about.



LITTLE
HAWKE'S CRAIG,
BULLER GORGE

Morris, photo

REEFTON (Hotel, Dawson's) is a mining village. Dredging here is attracting no little attention, as it is in the Greymouth and Hokitika districts also. The train leaves Reefton for Greymouth every morning at 7.30, and on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 4.45 p.m., on the arrival of the Westport coach. (Distance 46 miles; time occupied, three hours).

GREYMOUTH (Hotel, The Gilmer) is the most prosperous town on the coast, and there are many beauty spots worth seeing within easy access, such as Lake Brunner, Coal Creek, etc. From Greymouth the train leaves for Hokitika every day except Monday at 10 a.m.; on Monday it leaves at 10.55. There is also an afternoon train (Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday, 3.30; Monday, Thursday, Friday, 4.45). The time occupied on the journey is under two hours.

HOKITIKA (Hotel, The Empire) has in the immediate vicinity some most beautiful lake and river scenery. On Lake Kanieri can often be seen in one day half a dozen differing schemes of colour. This beautiful lake is about two hours' drive from Hokitika. Buggy and good horses may be obtained for the day from Cameron's livery stables. Boats, or an oil launch, may be hired at the lake to visit the beautiful bays, the island, and waterfall. On the Mahinapua



DEVIL'S
PUNCH BOWL,
BEALEY GORGE



GOLD
SLUICING,
KUMARA

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Creek are some of the most wonderful reflections to be seen anywhere in the world. Boats, or an excellent oil launch, may be hired at reasonable rates to row up the creek to Lake Mahinapua. The mountain scenery is also of the grandest. Alpine climbers will find Mt. Cook (12,349 feet) and Mount Tasman (11,473) with their glaciers, foemen worthy of their alpenstock. A week's riding brings one to these mountains and the great Franz Joseph Glacier. Those who have sufficient leisure will be well repaid by a visit to Lakes Mapourika and Ianthea. The coach leaves Hokitika every afternoon for Kumara.

KUMARA (Hotels, Rugg's and Pearn's) is the centre of a hydraulic mining district, and some of the sluicing claims are well worth a visit. The road from Hokitika to Kumara leads through several practically "deserted villages," *auri sacra fames* has caused the population to move on, as gold is no longer to be found in these places in sufficient quantity. The coach leaves Kumara on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Springfield (a town forty-four



GIANT PINE,
WEST COAST
ROAD

miles by rail from Christchurch). Two days' coaching, passing over the wonderful Otira Gorge, and Arthur's Pass, and seeing the Rolleston Glacier and the Devil's Punch Bowl, brings the tourist to the railway line once more. The first night is spent at the Bealey, and the coach arrives in Springfield in time to catch the 3.25 train to Christchurch.

Many have written of the beauties of the Otira Gorge, and perhaps two quotations may be permitted here. One is from an article by Archibald Forbes, in which he says—"Between the inhabited portions of the two provinces (Canterbury and Westland), there stretches a lofty range of rugged precipitous mountains, with snow-covered summits and glacier-clad sides. Through the ravines of these there has been made a road, compared with which in dizzy boldness of engineering and road-making, those of which I have had experience—whether in the Alps, the Carpathians, the Balkans, or the Himalayas—are tame and prosaic."

The other writer is the Rev. R. Waddell, D.D., who says: "The scenery here is by far the most magnificent on the road; indeed, it is doubtful, at least in some respects, if there is anything in the world to surpass it. The road zig-zigs down



Morris, photo

BUSH SCENE,
NEAR JACKSON'S
WEST COAST
ROAD



COAL CREEK,
GREY VALLEY



MT. ROLLESTON,
WEST COAST ROAD

Morris, photo

the mountain side to a depth of nearly 1500 feet. In some places it is cut out of solid rock, and in others it is carried over ravines on embankments faced with walls made of timber cribbing, filled with blocks of stone. The mountains on both sides rise to a height of some 7,000 feet, and are densely wooded. The road winds down to the right of the gorge, and at every turn reveals some new point of interest that wins our admiration."

The mountain face on the left-hand side is one vast forest, crested on the top by crowns of snow. Seen from the head of the pass, when distance smooths out details, the far wooded slopes look like the moveless wavelets of a deep green sea. On the right as you descend there is every possible variety of scenery. Here it is a sliding mass of shale and stones, that, loosened from the high rocks above, threatens to overflow the road; there it is an ascending slope of shrubs, and trees, and ferns—the dark green manuka, the curious cabbage-like nemea, the light grey leaves of the mica-mica, the pale purple veronica and the flashing crimson of



WEST COAST
ROAD

the rata. Now you look upon a lichen-bedded wall of rock rising sheer a hundred feet from the ground, and sweet with perpetual streamlets "that seem always to have chosen the steepest places to come down for the sake of the leap"; again it is a broad upward stretch of stately birch, climbing the rocky slopes to kiss the snow above.

On the other side of the road you gaze down into a great ravine with its hundreds of fairy nooks



OTIRA GORGE

Muir and Moodie, photo

hidden beneath umbrageous ferns, and festooned with garlands that only nature herself could weave; while away in the far depths of the gorge the streamlet, struggling out from the moraine that blocks the pass, tortures itself round rock and boulder, and frets and foams and leaps downward to the plains.

The traveller who has seen the wonders of the thermal district, the beauties of the Whanganui River,

the grandeur of the Southern Alps, the sublimity of the West Coast Sounds, the loveliness of the Cold Lakes, and the majesty of the Buller and Otira Gorges, must have been impressed by the exceeding and astonishing variety of Maoriland scenery. Dryden wrote of George Villiers as

A man so various, that he seemed to be
Not one, but all mankind's epitome ;

and New Zealand, so various in its scenic wonders, seems to be an epitome of all that is beautiful and grand in all the other countries of the globe.

The *cuisine* throughout the entire journey will be found most satisfactory, and the West Coast trip should certainly not be missed by any lover of the beautiful in nature.



Photo by Dr. E. Teichelmann

MAHINAPUA STREAM REFLECTIONS

CATHEDRAL
SQUARE,
CHRISTCHURCH



Christchurch

[Any further particulars that the tourist may require as to fares, hotels, boarding-houses, etc., may be obtained free at the Government Tourist Enquiry Office, Cathedral Square, next Warner's Hotel].

Post, Telegraph, and Money Order Offices.—The G.P.O. is open every day except Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The telegraph office is open on week days from 8 a.m. to midnight; on Sundays from 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m., and from 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.; and on holidays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to midnight. The money order office is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. These three offices are in the same building. For further particulars see Post and Telegraph Guide, price 6d.

Clubs.—The Christchurch and the Canterbury.

Hotels.—Warner's and Coker's. Gloucester House, Gloucester street, is an excellent boarding-house.

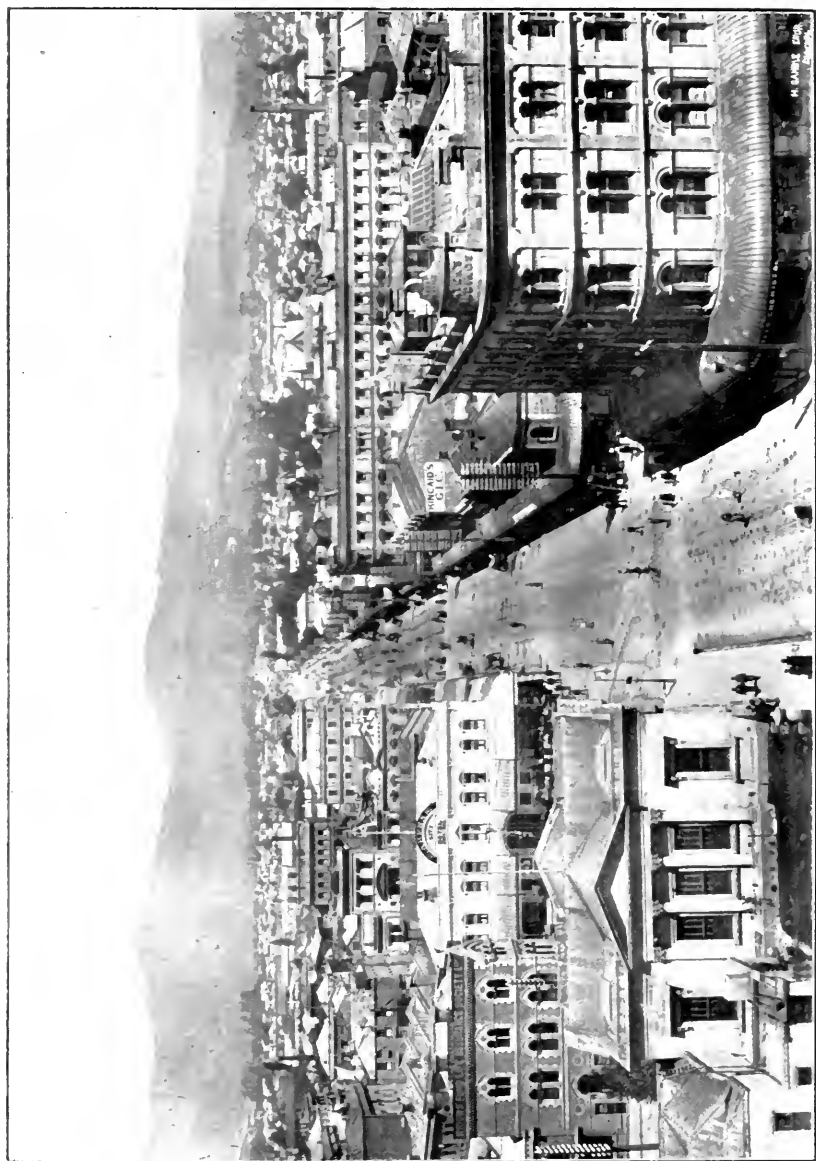
Principal places of Worship.—Anglican Cathedral, Roman Catholic Cathedral, Presbyterian, Wesleyan, Congregational, Baptist, Jewish Synagogue, and German Lutheran.

Newspapers.—The "Christchurch Press," and the "Lyttelton Times" (published every morning). The "Star" and "Truth" (published every evening). The following are weekly newspapers: The "Weekly Press," the "Canterbury Times," and the "Spectator."

Population.—About 50,000.

IN DOMAIN,
CHRISTCHURCH





CHRISTCHURCH

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BOATING SCENE
ON THE AVON,
CHRISTCHURCH



Conveyances.—Trams run from the Cathedral Square to Sumner and New Brighton, popular seaside resorts. On the Sumner line the trams are propelled by steam, as are also those running to Papanui. Omnibuses run to Riccarton and Fendelton. The cab horses in Christchurch are the best in New Zealand, and the “hansoms” and “four-wheelers” are good and up to date. The fares are the same as those obtaining in Auckland.

Railways.—As the times of departure of trains, and the fares are necessarily liable to alteration, such information will not appear in these pages, and the tourist should obtain a copy of the Government penny time-table as soon as possible after his arrival.

Principal Scholastic Institutions.—Canterbury College, Agricultural College, the Boys’ and Girls’ High Schools, Girton College, and Mrs. Bowen’s Girls’ School.

Principal Industries.—The Belfast Freezing Co.’s works, Aulsebrook and Co.’s cocoa, chocolate, and biscuit factory, Hayward Bros., Ltd., pickle, sauce and vinegar works; breweries, and sundry boot factories.

Sights.—The Christchurch museum is well worth a visit, and the gardens adjoining are interesting, and well kept. The Anglican Cathedral is always open to visitors, and a fine view may be obtained from its steeple.

THE AVON,
CHRISTCHURCH

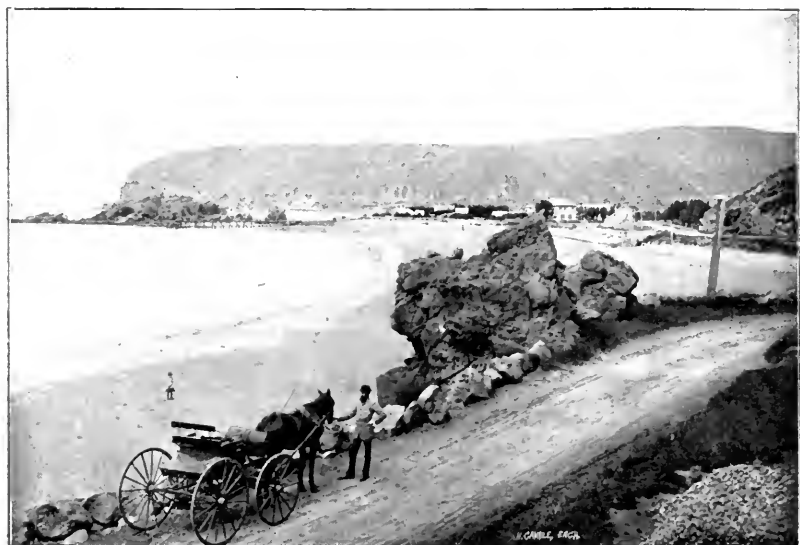


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LYTTELTON HARBOUR

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SUMNER

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The freezing works at Belfast will also interest many visitors. The chief charm of Christchurch is the River Avon, and there are several boat-sheds on the banks where boats and canoes can be hired at very reasonable rates.



VICTORIA BRIDGE,
ON THE AVON,
CHRISTCHURCH.

Wheeler and Son, photo.

There are also some very pretty drives in the neighbourhood of Christchurch, and a buggy, landau, or drag may be hired at moderate price by the hour, or for the day, from Hayward's stables. A pleasant drive, of about an hour and a half, is that down lower High street to Wilson's Road, passing Lancaster Park on the way, and driving through Opawa, Wools-ton, and the Heathcote Valley, returning by Ferry road. This drive gives the visitor many excellent peeps of the Avon with its willow-fringed banks. An extension of this trip may be made to take in Sumner, the leading watering place of Christchurch, which will well repay a visit. Luncheon may be obtained there, and the trip can be done in about two hours and a half, but a few hours may be spent pleasantly on the sands. Another short and pleasant drive of about two hours' duration may be taken by following the course of the beautiful Avon in an easterly direction through Avonside and Darlington and thence through Burwood to New Brighton, returning by Linwood. Characteristically English scenery will be found by taking a drive in a westerly direction through Fendalton, where many fine suburban residences will be seen, and perhaps the prettiest Race Course in the colonies. The return journey can be made through Middleton and Sunnyside, and the whole trip will occupy about three hours. Perhaps the best extended drive from Christ-



THE AVON,
CHRISTCHURCH



CAVE ROCK,
SUMNER

Muir and Moodie, photo

church is to Governor's Bay, Lyttelton, and Sumner. During the day the visitor will obtain the best possible view of Christchurch and the extensive and fertile plains which surround it, whilst from Dyer's Pass a splendid view of Lyttelton Harbour is afforded. A halt

may be made at Governor's Bay for lunch, where good accommodation may be obtained. From this point to Lyttelton, about seven miles, a well-kept road skirts the Harbour. From Lyttelton to Sumner over the famous Zig-Zag is the steepest climb in Canterbury. Over this Zig-Zag, in the early days before the railway, all goods for Christchurch had to be carted. The variety and charm of the views to be obtained on the road cannot fail to please anyone who journeys over it. The drive from Sumner to town is about eight miles, and the road passes through flat country. The total distance covered is about thirty miles.

Trains leave Christchurch every day to connect with the Wellington boat at Lyttelton. The express train leaves every day at eleven for Ashburton, Timaru, and Dunedin. Trains also leave for the north to connect at Culverden with the coach for Haunover's famous hot mineral springs.



MUSEUM, CHRISTCHURCH

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The Hanmer Springs

Hotel, Jollie's Pass, two-and-a-half miles from the Springs. Good accommodation may be obtained at Hanmer Lodge, and at the Government Hot Springs' Spa. The tariff at the Lodge is £2 2s., and at the Government Spa £2 and £1 per week.

Hanmer is 84 miles from Christchurch, and is reached by train (60 miles) and coach (24 miles). The train leaves Christchurch every morning to connect with the coach at Culverden, but invalids and others who object to early rising, may leave



KAIAPOI

Muir and Moodie, photo

Christchurch on three days in the week by the evening train, and spend the night at the first-class hotel in Culverden.

On the train journey from Christchurch to Culverden, Kaiapoi (or more correctly, Kaiapohia) is passed. In days gone by there was a large Maori *Pa* here, which was the chief stronghold of the Ngai-tahu tribe. So strong was the fortress, and so great was the warlike prowess of its brave defenders that Te Rauparaha, the redoubtable northern warrior, besieged the *Pa* in vain for many months. Being unable, with his twice six hundred men, to take the place by assault, he conceived the idea of setting fire to the palisades surrounding the village.



JUNCTION HOTEL, EN ROUTE TO HANMER PLAINS

Thus he piled great masses of *manuka* against these wooden breastworks, and waited for a breeze to blow towards the *Pa*. But while the wind was favourable to the besieged, some of the villagers sallied out and set fire to the scrub. The fortune of war, however, was against them; no sooner had they fired the *manuka* than the wind changed, and Te Rauparaha took the stronghold, *lapide et igne*, with great slaughter. A remnant of the Ngai-tahu still live in a *kainga* at Kaiapoi, but the village is now known for its celebrated woollen factory.

From Culverden to Hanmer the road is through the fertile Amuri plain, and during most of the journey the Waiau river flows close by. Hanmer is reached in time for dinner, and the tourist after his ride in the balmy mountain air will need no Epicurean cooks to

Sharpen with cloyless sauce his appetite.

The water of Hanmer Springs is muriated alkaline saline, and somewhat sulphurous, and may be recommended in cases of rheumatism, skin diseases, neuralgia,



GOVERNMENT SANATORIUM, HANMER

Wheeler and Son photos

hysteria, and general debility. The temperature of the baths can be regulated from cold up to 114 deg. Fahr., and there are also two warm swimming baths in the sanatorium grounds, each of which is fitted with cold showers. Patients may likewise have the benefit of the Aix massage bath and hot air bath, if they care for these. The baths are all under Government control. Visitors may also play bowls, tennis, ping-pong, and croquet, and there is a reading-room at their disposal.

The Clarence, just across the hills, is a picturesque stream, and this river is well stocked with the lusty trout, as are also the Waiau, Mason, and Hurunui rivers.

Hanmer is essentially a place of rest. There is but little in the way of scenery to attract the visitor, but as the Springs are 1,200 feet above the sea level the air is bracing and tonic, and the complete change, the baths, and the fresh air cannot fail to invigorate the invalid who is weary in brain or body.



MOUNT COOK HERMITAGE

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MOUNT COOK

Muir and Noodie photo

TIMARU
HARBOUR



The Southern Alps, Mount Cook

To reach Mount Cook the visitor goes by train to Timaru (100 miles), thence to Fairlie (39 miles), whence the journey is continued by coach or buggy.

TIMARU (Hotel, the Empire) is a prosperous seaport town, which enjoys an exceedingly bracing and equable climate. It is also the chief outlet of a large pastoral and agricultural district. Some of the best trout fishing in the colony may also be had in the district. Mr. Tasker, a very enthusiastic local angler, will be pleased to assist brother disciples of the genial Isaak both theoretically and practically.

The coach leaves Fairlie for the Hermitage bi-weekly, but tourists should on no account travel without the Itinerary published by the New Zealand Government Tourist and Health Resorts Department, which is brought right up to date every season.

The distance by coach from Fairlie to the Hermitage is about 96 miles, and the journey occupies two days. The first stage is to Lake Tekapo, which is fed by rivers rising in the Godly and Cass Glaciers, and the first glimpse from this beautiful spot will not readily be



TIMARU

forgotten. Prominent amongst the snowy peaks which here bound the view, Mt. Sefton (10,350 feet) stands out boldly. Mr. Green says that "the view of this giant peak was more striking from this place than from any other spot in the low country from which we saw it. From this point of view it reminded us in form of the Dent Blanche when seen from the direction of Mount Blanc." The night is spent at Pukaki, 56 miles from Fairlie. Lake Pukaki is fed by 35 miles of glaciers on the eastern slope of the range. Dr. Hochstetter compares the former to the Mer de Glace, and describes the view therefrom as equal to the grandest scenery he ever beheld in the Alps. On the second day the road

CAGE
ACROSS
HOOKER
RIVER,
MT. COOK



Muir and Moodie, photo

runs beside the western shores of Lake Pukaki, and on past some sheep stations, till after rounding the Bluff at Sebastopol the first view of the Hermitage is obtained. This hotel, which is owned by the Government, and managed by the Tourist Department, is comfortable and well ventilated, and hot and cold water is laid on to the baths. The Hermitage is 2,506 feet above the level of the sea, and here the traveller is face to face with the noble peaks of the great Southern Alps. According to Green's "High Alps of New Zealand," this range for extent and height is unequalled outside the regions of Polar snow. From the Rangitata to the Waitaki rivers there stretches an unbroken

chain of nearly 100 miles, possessing hardly a col or pass free from eternal snow and ice. And not only in extent, but in height, does this chain stand alone in the glory that excelleth. Some of the individual glaciers are of enormous size. The Tasman Glacier is 18 miles long by three broad, being thus larger than any in the Northern Alps, and surpassed only by the union of the glaciers in the Mustagh Range of the Himalaya Mountains.

To attempt to describe these wondrous snow-clad ranges is worse than folly. There are 12 mountains, ranging in height from Mt. Haidinger (10,034 feet) to

Mt. Hector (11,267 feet), Mt. Tasman (11,475 feet), and Mt. Cook (12,349 feet). Perhaps Ruskin could have done something like adequate justice to them, and perhaps some of us, in sight of these prodigies of grandeur, can feel something of what Ruskin felt

when he wrote in his "Modern Painters": "Watch at evening, as the east becomes purple, and the heaving mountains, rolling against it in darkness like waves of a wild sea, are drowned one by one in the glory of its burning; watch the white glaciers blaze in their winding paths about the mountains, like mighty serpents with scales of fire; watch the column or peaks of solitary snow, kindling downwards, chasm by chasm, each in itself a new morning, their long avalanches cast down in keen streams, brighter than the lightning, sending each his tribute of driven snow like altar smoke up to heaven; the rose light of their silent



BALL HUT, TASMAN GLACIER



MTS. SEFTON AND COOK
FROM MUELLER GLACIER



MOUNT COOK FROM EXIT OF PUKAKI RIVER FROM LAKE



LOOKING DOWN MUELLER GLACIER

Muir and Moodie, photos.



CROSSING THE HOOKER
TO GET ON TASMAN GLACIER

domes flushing that heaven about them and above them, piercing with purer light through its purple lives of lifted clouds, casting a new glory on every wreath as it passes by, until the whole heaven, one scarlet canopy, is interwoven with a roof of waving flame, and tossing vault beyond vault, with the drifted wings of many companies of angels; and then, when you can look no more for gladness, and when you are bowed down with fear and love of the Maker and Doer of this, tell me who has best delivered His message unto men."

The tourist could linger here for many months without exhausting the almost innumerable and amazingly glorious views round and about these Southern Alps. Full particulars may be obtained at the Hermitage of how to get to the Hooker Glacier, Kea Point (from which a fine view of the avalanches falling from Mt. Sefton can be obtained), the Mueller Glacier, and the Sealy Range, from the top of which is a view of the Upper Mueller Glacier and parts of the Hooker and Tasman Glaciers, which will well repay the energy expended in the climb. The Ball and Malte Brun Huts, on the Tasman Glacier, 14 and 22 miles respectively from the Hermitage, should also be visited, and the Hochstetter Ice-fall, two miles from the Ball Hut. From the Malte Brun Hut (5,700 feet) some of the finest sunset and sunrise effects in the world are often visible. The Tasman Glacier, with one exception the largest outside the polar seas, is exceedingly accessible, and walking on it is easy. Competent guides are



HOCHSTETTER ICE FALL,
TASMAN GLACIER



obtainable, and the government provides bedding and food in the huts without extra charge. Tourists who don't object to camping out for one night will enjoy the trip to the Murchison Glacier. The flora about



MT. COOK LILY (*Ranunculus lyallii*)

Mt. Cook is exceedingly rich and varied, including the Mount Cook Lily (*Ranunculus lyallii*), the *Senecio lyallii*, several varieties of *Celmisia*, the Edelweiss, and representatives of many other species of Alpine flowers.

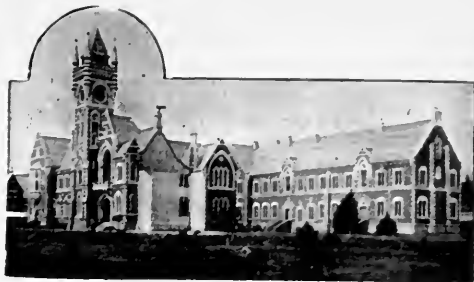
A guide may be obtained for 10s., and a horse for 7s. 6d. a day, and the tariff at the hotel is 10s. a day. The best time of the year for mountaineering is from November to the end of March. After returning to Timaru, the visitor can take the train to Dunedin, and thence visit the cold lakes and fjords of the south.

The illustrations of flowers in this Guide are taken from Miss Harris's "Flowers," "Ferns," and "Berries" of New Zealand, published by Jackson, Nelson, at 10s. per volume.



MOUNT COOK,
THE HERMITAGE

UNIVERSITY,
DUNEDIN



Dunedin

[Any particulars that the tourist may require as to fares, hotels, boarding-houses, etc., may be obtained free at the Government Tourist Enquiry Office.]

Post, Telegraph, and Money Order Offices.—The General Post Office, which is in Princes Street, is open every day except Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Telegraph Office, which is at the corner of Bond and High Streets, is open on week days from 8 a.m. to midnight; on Sundays from 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m., and from 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.; and on holidays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to midnight. The money order office is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For further particulars see Post and Telegraph Guide, price 6d.

Clubs.—The Dunedin, the Otago, and the Commercial Travellers'.

Hotel.—Grand (12s.)

Principal Places of Worship.—Anglican—St. Paul's (Cathedral), All Saints', and St. Matthew's; Roman Catholic, St. Joseph's (Cathedral); Presbyterian—Knox Church and First Church, Congregational, Wesleyan, Baptist, and a Jewish Synagogue.

Newspapers.—"The Otago Daily Times" (published every morning), "The Evening Star," and "The Witness" (weekly).

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Principal Scholastic Institutions.—The Otago University is an excellent institution, with a good medical school, and professorial and teaching staff in arts, law, science, and medicine. The University also possesses a good reference library and museum. The latter is in Gt. King Street, and will repay a visit. In the same building is the Art Gallery, which is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are also the Girls' High School and the Boys' High School.

Principal Industries.—The Mosgiel Woollen Mills, which may be visited by the courtesy of Mr. J. H. Morrison, the manager, whose office is in High Street; the New Zealand Clothing Factory, Messrs. Irvine and Stevenson's Preserving Works, Messrs. Sargood, Son and Ewen's Boot Factory, and many other thriving manufacturing industries. Gold Dredging is also carried on in Otago and on the West Coast to a very considerable extent.

Excursions and Drives.—From D. and J. Bacon's livery stables (telephone 196) landaus, buggies, or drags may be hired at reasonable rates for drives to the many interesting and beautiful show places in the district. A very pretty afternoon's drive is to Ocean



BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL, DUNEDIN



NICHOL'S CREEK
WATERFALL,
DUNEDIN



DUNSEDIN AND HARBOUR, FROM HILL.

Morris' photo.

Beach, St. Clair, the Town Belt, and Queen's Drive, which should certainly not be missed by the visitor to Dunedin. A delightful day's excursion is to Waitati and back, through Upper Port Chalmers. There are some beautiful peeps of the harbour on the way. Lunch may be enjoyed at the Saratoga Hotel, Waitati, and the party will arrive in Dunedin again



PORT CHALMERS

Morris, photo

in time for dinner. Another pretty drive is to Portobello, along the shores of the harbour. A pleasant excursion is through Woodhaugh to the reservoir and Nichol's Creek waterfalls.

Railways.—Trains leave Dunedin every day for Christchurch, Invercargill, the Bluff, and Kingston *en route* for Queenstown and the Cold Lakes of Otago.



LAWYER'S HEAD, DUNEDIN

Guy photo



ST. CLAIR BEACH, DUNEDIN

Morris, photo



THE REMARKABLES, LAKE WAKATIPU

Malaghan, photo



CATHEDRAL PEAK AND LAKE MANAPOURI

Muir and Moodie, photo



QUEENSTOWN

The Cold Lakes

QUEENSTOWN.—(Hotel, Eichardt's). The train leaves Dunedin every day for Kingston (174 miles), where a steamer is in waiting to convey the visitor to Queenstown, round which is some of the most beautiful scenery in the world. "Wakatipu," says Mr. Green, "is amazingly beautiful; the only lake in Europe which can surpass it is Lucerne, but to see no more of Wakatipu than is to be seen by a trip to Queenstown and back is to see Lucerne and omit the Bay of Uri." Within easy access of Queenstown there are some exceedingly pretty walks. That to the water-works is about one-and-a-half miles, and the bush scenery thereabouts is very fine. The park provides a convenient and pleasant promenade. The road now being made by the lake side, called the Ben Lomond Run Road, will be extended to Moke Lake, distance about nine miles. This will be a charming short excursion. The ascent of Ben Lomond (5,747 feet) which generally occupies a day, is accomplished without difficulty even by ladies. To within 1,500 ft. of the summit there is a bridle track, and from



ARROWTOWN



HEAD OF
LAKE
WAKATIPU

there to the top the foothold is good. The panorama from the summit of Ben Lomond is unspeakably fine. From here can be seen the Forbes and Humboldt Mountains, the Shotover Valley, a magnificent view of Mount Harris and the Richardson Ranges, and the aptly named "Remarkables." The Rev. Dr. Waddell appositely quotes from Ruskin's *Modern Painters* the description of the *Rochers des Fys*, above the *Col d' Anterne*, and applies it to the Remarkables: "In many spots inaccessible with safety, dark in colour, robed with everlasting mourning, for ever seeming to totter like a great fortress shaken by war, fearful as much in their weakness as their strength, and yet gathered at every slide into darker frown and unhumiliated threatening: for ever incapable of comfort or healing from herb or flower, nourishing no root in their crevices, touched by no hue of life on buttress or ledge; knowing no shaking of leaves in the wind, nor of grass beside the stream—no motion

except that of the shivering shale and the dreadful crumbling of atom from atom in their corrupting stone." "Such," says the Doctor, "is the Remarkables—a waste of weary jagged precipices frowning down upon the blue depths of the water, and darkening



SHOTOVER
BRIDGE

PEMBROKE,
LAKE
WANAKA



nigh 8,000 feet of the blue depth of heaven." A most magnificent view of the whole country can be obtained from the summit of the Remarkables, the ascent of which can be made in a day, if an early start is made. Other delightful trips are those to Arrowtown *via* the Frankton Falls at the outlet of Lake Wakatipu, and returning by Arthur's Point; Skipper's Point road (an easy day), well worth seeing for its rugged grandeur; Collins' Bay *via* the back of Bayonet Peaks and down Lochy river to Half-Way Bay; this trip takes one day, the steamer puts the traveller off at Collins' Bay, and calls for him late in the afternoon at Half-Way Bay. A guide, horses, or conveyances can be had at reasonable rates.

Muir and Moodie, photo

The trip to Pembroke over the Crown Range is full of interest. Hawea Lake and Mount Aspiring (the Matterhorn of New Zealand) will be seen on the way. A sail up Lake Wanaka will be found delightful. Weeks could easily be spent here in exploring the beauties of the district.



CLINTON VALLEY
Wheeler and Son, photo

The steamer trip to the head of Lake Wakatipu is full of charm. The tourist should if possible spend a week at Glenorchy, and about the same time at Kinloch. These two villages lie opposite each other at the head of the lake. From Glenorchy, Paradise or Diamond Lake—a most delectable spot—may be visited.

DIAMOND
LAKE,
PARADISE,
WAKATIPU





MOUNT EARNSLAW, 9,209 FEET

Malaghan, photo



LAKE WANAKA

Muir and Moodie, photo

A very pretty drive is to Rees Valley and Lennox Falls. Those who wish to ascend Mt. Earnslaw (9,300 feet) may obtain guides, horses, and traps at Glenorchy. A splendid week's outing for a picnic party is to the Routeburn Valley and Lake Harris Saddle. The difficulties in the way are but slight, and the scenery is equal to that of the West Coast Sounds on a smaller scale. The beautiful Dart River is near by, and there are glaciers quite close to the valley. The visitor who wishes to go through to Martin's Bay via Hollyford River, lands at Greenstone. There are huts and grass paddocks all the way at convenient distances, and there is something new and enchanting at every turn. The Capels River and Rere Lake are lovely places for a day's outing.



ALPINE CLIMBERS

There is a good track from Mt. Nicholas to Te Anau Lake; or the tourist may return to Kingston, thence to Lumsden, and take the coach to Te Anau. Te Anau is the largest lake in the South Island. It is 38 miles long, and from one to six miles broad. There is a steamer on the lake, and the beauties of Te Anau can be seen from her deck. The scenery is not so grand or rugged as it is on Lake Wakatipu, but it has a beauty all its own. The mountains surrounding the lake are densely wooded, "and the green sheen of the forest," as Dr. Waddell observes, "crowned with the gleaming snow above, makes up a picture which, for extent and loveliness, is unsurpassed." From the



KAWARAU
FALLS



REES VALLEY
SHOWING
MT. ANSTEAD,
HEAD OF
LAKE WAKATIPU

Malaghan, photo

head of the lake there is a track along the beautiful Clinton Valley to the Sutherland Falls (19 miles) and Milford Sound (33 miles), and the country passed through, for wealth of magnificent scenery, is unequalled in any country in the world. Even the beauties of the Yosemite Valley sink into comparative insignificance when compared with this inexpressibly lovely valley, and the Sutherland Falls (1,904 feet) are



LAKE MANAPOURI

Muir and Moodie, photo

the highest in the world. There are countless trips to be made from Lake Te Anau, but for all these it is necessary to obtain a guide, who will give the visitor full information. Guides are to be obtained at Te Anau, and there is a hut at Mintaro, Midcamp, and the Beach. Lake Manapouri may be reached by a good

path from Te Anau (7 miles). This is the loveliest of all the lakes. Almost entirely surrounded by mountains, studded with countless wooded islands, and indented with lovely little bays, Manapouri, or perhaps more correctly Manawapouri—the lake of the “darkened heart”—is a dream of beauty, a joy for ever. There is a steamer on Manapouri, which can be engaged to explore the beauties of the lake itself and also go six miles down the Waiau River, where there is splendid fishing. Months, aye years, could be spent in this wonderful country, and there would still remain undiscovered beauties. How very few of those who visit Queens-



SAFE OR
HAPPY COVE,
LAKE TE ANAU



LAKE
HAWEA

Muir and Moodie, photos

town get to the very outermost fringe of the glories of the surrounding country! Tourists should allow themselves at least a month for this trip, obtain a good guide, and follow where he leads. A very large book might easily be written about the Cold Lakes, but it would be worse than useless: these wondrous glories must be seen; no man living could do justice to them. All the writer can do is to beg of the visitor not to leave Maoriland without spending at least a month about Wakatipu, Manapouri, and Te Anau.

McKINNON'S
PASS,
CLINTON
VALLEY



Morris, photo



GEORGE
SOUND

The West Coast Sounds

No visitor to Maoriland in January or February should miss the U.S.S. Company's excursions to the Sounds. No more delightful trip could be imagined than the excursion to Milford Sound, and thence overland to the Sutherland Falls, Lakes Te Anau, Manapouri, and Wakatipu.

On seeing a portrait of John Milton, Dryden wrote:—

Three poets in three distant Ages born,
Greece, Italy, and England did adorn.
The first in loftiness of thought surpassed
The next in majesty, in both the last.
The force of Nature could no further go :
To make a third she joined the former two.

This figure might well be applied to the three countries, Norway, Switzerland, and Maoriland. Nature made the noble fjords of Norway, the beauteous lakes and majestic mountains of Switzerland, and then as her force could go no further, to make the fjords and



LAKE
ADA,
MILFORD
SOUND



THE ARTHUR RIVER,
MILFORD SOUND

lakes and mountains of Maoriland she joined the former two. Well may the visitor, overcome by "the might, the majesty of loveliness" of these ineffable works of the great architect, exclaim :—

O beauty,
Till now I never knew thee !

The trip to the Sounds lasts about eight days, and as they are close together the steamer reposes most of the time on the calm bosom of these land-locked fjords. There are altogether thirteen sounds from Preservation Inlet to Milford. It is useless to attempt a description. It would be "to paint the lily." The scenery is indescribably grand, and as Goethe has well said, "Beauty is a hovering, shining, shadowy form, the outline of which no definition holds." Majesty is here in repose: there is but little of the contrast noticeable in other parts of New Zealand; but as Ruskin wisely observes, "Contrast increases the splendour of beauty, but it disturbs its influence; it adds to its attractiveness, but diminishes its power."

In George Sound a regatta is held, and throughout the trip the evenings are enlivened by concerts and dances. Professional musicians are engaged for each excursion, and the captain and officers spare no pains to minister to the pleasure of tourists.



Muir and Moodie, photo



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BOWEN FALLS,
MILFORD SOUND



VIEW FROM
HARRISON'S COVE,
MILFORD SOUND

If the visitor has the time, he should make arrangements to journey overland from Milford Sound to the Sutherland Falls, and along the delightful Clinton Valley to Te Anau, he should travel by steamer up this lake, visit Lake Manapouri, and see the beauties surrounding the head of Lake Wakatipu; and then journey to Queenstown, Lake Wanaka, and Hawea. The trip can be continued from Wanaka, over the Lindis Pass, to Mount Cook, 138 miles. This is quite the most perfectly enchanting trip in any part of the world.



THE SUTHERLAND FALLS,
1904 FEET

Photos by Morris



Stewart Island

After returning either to Dunedin or Invercargill, if the trip from Milford Sound is made overland, or to the Bluff if the return is made by steamer, the tourist might spend a week very pleasantly at Stewart Island. The steamer leaves the Bluff every Wednesday morning, and returns the same day, so that those who have but little time to spare can see some of the sights of the Island and return at once. The distance is 25 miles and the fare is 7s. 6d. return. There are boats to be hired at Half Moon Bay to visit the pretty bays and inlets round the coast. Paterson Inlet, Horse-shoe Bay, and Port William are within easy access of Half Moon Bay, and as these are on the sheltered side of the Island, the water is generally calm. Port Pegasus is one of the finest harbours



Photo by Ferrier

GLORY COVE, STEWART ISLAND



in the world. There are also some pretty walks in the bush, and one of these bush tracks leads to Port Pegasus. The way lies through thickly timbered country—pines, miro, totara, and rata; the bright crimson blossoms of the latter are exceedingly fine in summer, and their showiness is greatly enhanced by their sombre setting. There is good sport for the gun—pigeons, kaka, ducks, teal, and mutton-birds, being very plentiful.

Oysters are found in great quantities round the coast. Stewart Island oysters are sent all over New Zealand, and even to Australia. At Half-Moon Bay there are some four hundred inhabitants mostly engaged in the fishing industry. There is also ample accommodation for visitors, and the tariff is exceedingly moderate. The climate is very mild and salubrious, and as a health and pleasure resort the island is becoming very popular.

BLUFF
HARBOUR



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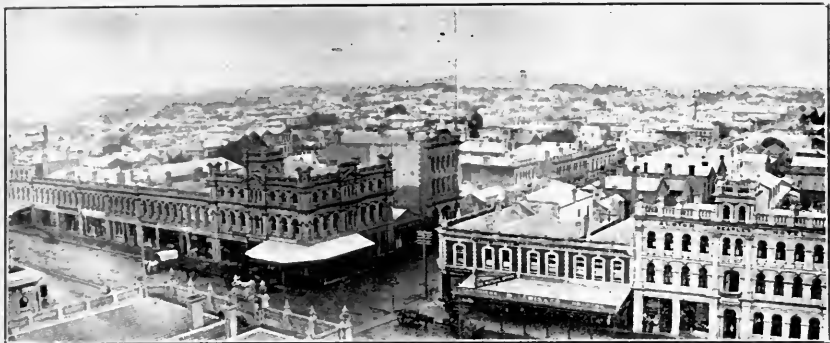


GLORY, STEWART ISLAND



THOMPSON'S COVE, THE NECK, STEWART ISLAND

Photos by Ferrier



INVERCARGILL

Invercargill

Hotel.—Southland Club.

Club.—Invercargill.

Travellers from Australia who arrive at the Bluff proceed to Invercargill, which is 18 miles distant.

From here the tourist can visit the Cold Lakes, either by train to Kingston, and thence as already described to the Southern Lakes, or he may go by train to Lumsden, and from there by conveyance or on horseback to Manapouri and Te Anau. Invercargill is a prosperous town, the population of which is about 10,000. It boasts the widest streets in New Zealand, and it is the chief town of an extensive agricultural and pastoral district.



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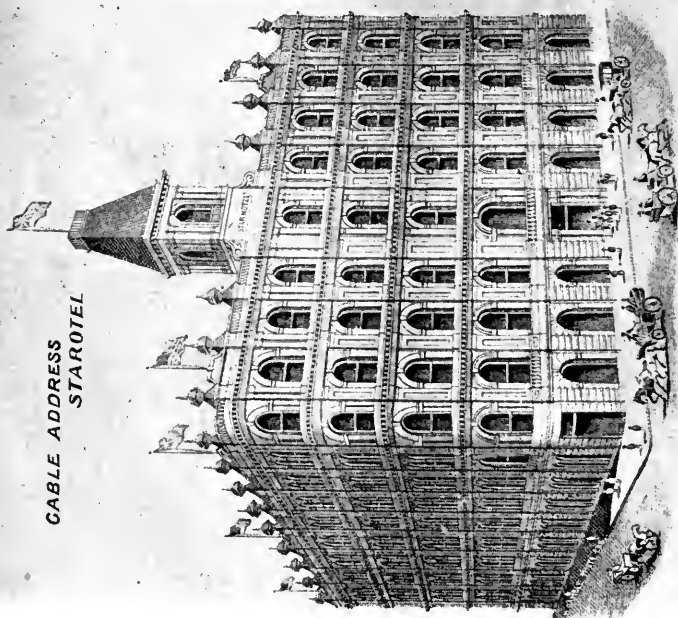
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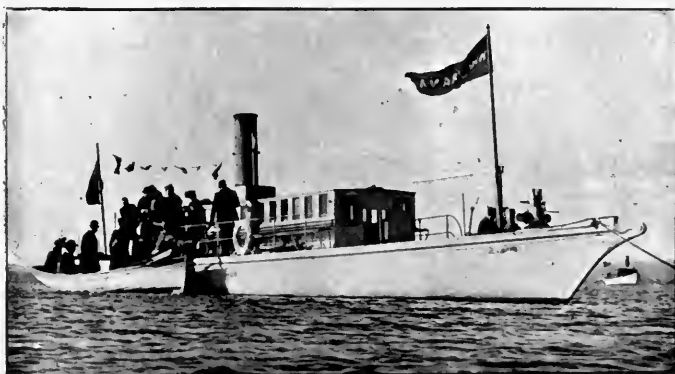
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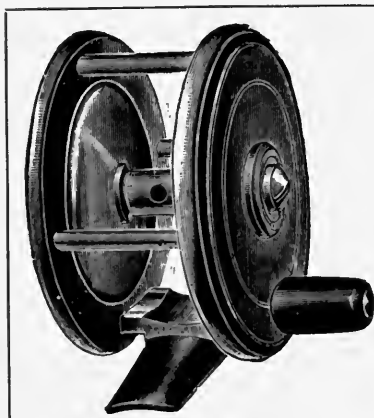
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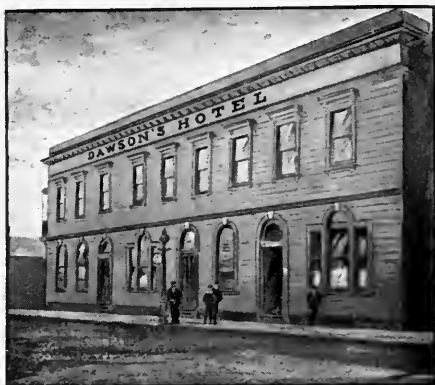
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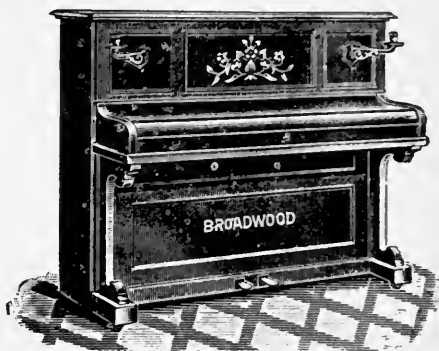
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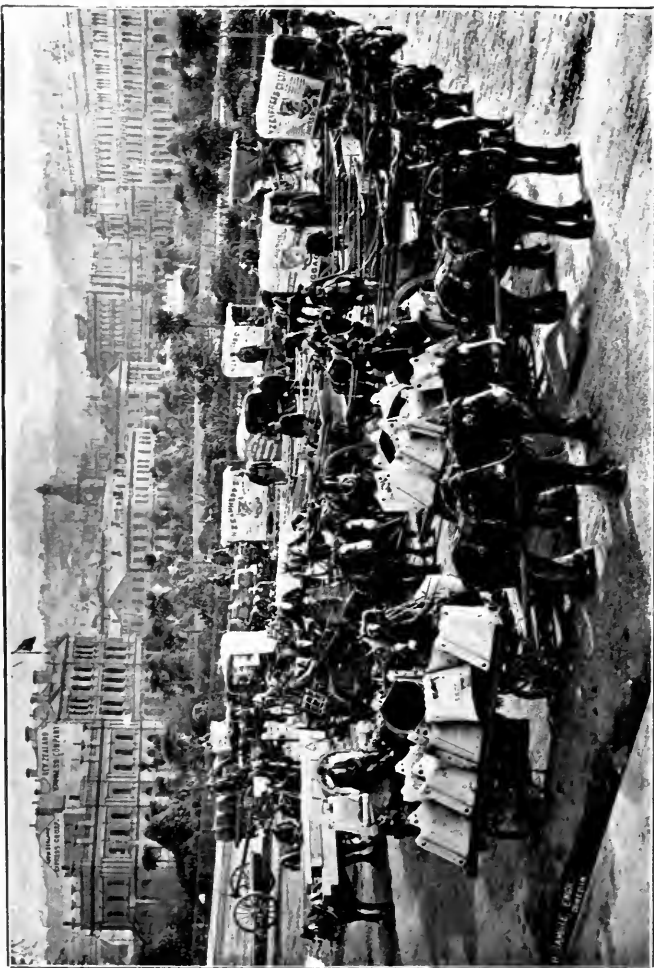
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